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Hitler & Mussolini Confer Again

Move To Withdraw Troops From Italy To Meet Invasion Crisis

LONDON, April 25.

The German news agency said to-day that Hitler and Mussolini met on Saturday and Sunday. Von Ribbentrop and Field-Marshal Kietel were also present, the agency said.

The Agency added:

During their talks which took place in the spirit of the old friendship between the Fuehrer and the Duce, political, military and economic problems concerning the two countries and their common aims were discussed.

The Duce informed the Fuehrer of the decision by the Republican Fascist Government, the only representative of the entire Italian people, further to activate its war effort by the side of the Allies of the Tripartite Pact.

This decision has been warmly recognised and the efforts of the Government of the Duce are being effectively supported by the Reich Government. The resolve of the Tripartite Powers victoriously to finish the war against the Bolsheviks in the East and the plutocrats of the West and to guarantee to Europe a life based on a just order was expressed in a statement by the Fuehrer about the deployment of forces and the straining of all the resources of power for the coming decision as well as about post-war aims.

RIEBENTROP & KIETEL

Von Ribbentrop, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel, Chief of Staff on the German side, and Marshall Rudolf Graziani, Minister of Defence and Mazzolini, Secretary of State on the Italian side, took part in the conversations. The conversations confirmed the unshakable resolve to continue the struggle, shoulder to shoulder, till the final victory had been won and the political aims of 'Axis and Tripartite Powers had been achieved. The German Ambassador and Commissioner of the Reich in Italy, Rudolf Rahn and the Italian Ambassador in Berlin Filipo Anfuso also took part in the meeting.

After the meeting, the Duce inspected Italian divisions on the exercise ground and satisfied himself about the state of their training and equipment. Marshal Graziani took part in the inspection. The Italian guests were conducted by the Chief of the German High Command Field Marshal Keitel and the Commander of the German Reserve Army, Cclonel General Fromm.

Reuter adds that the Agency's announcement was from the Fuehrer's headquarters.

ANTI-INVASION TALKS

The German announcement of the meeting between Hitler and Mussolini follows earlier reports from Zurich that Mussolini had gone to Berchtesgaden to meet Hitler at a council of Quislings. The chief item on the agenda of this reported anti-invasion talks was the examination of whether the Wehrmacht can withdraw troops from Italy and other satellite countries to meet the threat in the west. This report is borne out by the phrase in to-day's official communique of the meeting saying that Hitler made a statement about "the deployment of forces and the straining of all resources of power for the coming decision."

S. O. S. TO JAPAN

Another item of the agenda of this earlier reported meeting was an S.O.S. call to Japan asking the Asiatic member of the Tri-Partite Pact what immeaiate effective assistance she is able to offer Germany.

To-day announcement of the meeting follows a considerable period during which the former Italian dictator has been out of the public eye. Reports from various sources recently said that Mussolini was seriously ill and had been under medical treatment. Hitler was last reported at his headquarters at Berchtesgarden engaged on anti-invasion conferences and was officially reported in Munich on April 17, when he attended the funeral of Adolf Wagner, Gauleiter of Munich.

To-day's announcement does not disclose where the meeting was held but the reference of "Italian guests" indicates that it took place on German soil.—Reuter.

ALLIED PLAN FOR POST-WAR GERMANY

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, April 25.

The decision of the Stettinus-Eden high policy parleys is thought to be an agreement to divide Germany into three parts for the period of occupation giving Britain, America and Russia control over separate zones.

It seems likely that the United States will be given southern section of Germany including Bavaria, Baden and Wurtenberg and Russians to move in as far as river Elbe or slightly beyond, while. British will occupy the contingent area east of Lowlands. All three powers would share Berlin and all public buildings in each zone would fly the flags of three nations.

SWEDISH BAN ON GERMAN ARMY POSTAL PRIVILEGES

STOCKHOLM, April 25: Sweden has imposed a ban on German army postal privileges by which special rail coaches manned by the Germans crossed to Norway and Finland. After Saturday, all German mail will be transported in Swedish wagons staffed by Swedes.—Reuter.

BOMB THROWN AT MUSSOLINI'S CAR

BERNE, April 25.

A bomb is reported to have been thrown at Mussolinis car near Verona when he was going to meet fascist leaders recently. The bomb exploded a few yards from his car, hurting nobody.—Reuter.

Further Evacuation Measures In France

LONDON, April 25: The German radio has announced further evacuation measures in parts of Northern France.

The first train load of evacuees left Lille yesterday.

The Headquarters of the U. S. Strategic Air Force in Europe announced today "Medium sized forces of LIBERATORS and FLYING FORTRESSES of the U. S. Eighth Air Force attacked German aerodromes at Nancy, Metz and Dijon in France today.

Heavy bombers were escorted by strong forces of 'Lightnings', Mustangs' and 'Thunderbolts' of the Eighth and Ninth Air Forces and R. A. F. 'Mustangs' of the Second Tactical Air Force.

BIG R.A.F. ATTACK ON KARLSRUHE & MUNICH

An Air Ministry Communique states to-day "Last night aircraft of the Bomber Command were over Germany in very great strength with Karlsruhe and Munich as main objective. The first reports indicate that both attacks were well concentrated. A reconnaissance aircraft was over Munich an hour after the main force had left and by that time the fires had spread over a large area. 'Mosquitos' made an attack on Dusseldorf. The railway depot at Chambly, 20 miles north of Paris, was also bombed and mines were laid in enemy waters.

Thirty of our aircraft are missing".

TUESDAY MORNING ATTACK

Reuter's Air Correspondent writes:—A few hours after the return of the great force of R.A.F. bombers from their night attacks on Karlsruhe and Munich. Allied airfleets were once again roaring out to the Continent. At 8 a.m. (G.M.T.) to-day the Cologne radio reported: "A strong enemy formation is over south-west Germany and approaching South Germany." The first wave appeared from their heavy roar to be all bombers. Half an hour later even larger formations passed over.

NAZI PLANES OVER BRITAIN

Only a few German planes were over Britain last night. The Air Ministry says there was slight activity over parts of eastern and south-eastern England. Bombs dropped caused slight damage at one place but no casualties.

U. S. BOMBERS OVER SAIGON

Fierce Fighting In Central Honan

CHUNGKING, April 24.

United States Liberator heavy bombers attacking targets in the Saigon (Indo-China) area have sunk 20,000 tons of Japanese shipping. It was announced at General Stilwell's headquarters here to-day. This is the first time that the Japanese have been attacked in the Saigon area. Other bombers on a sweep along the South China coast shot down two Japanese fighters. All the American planes returned.

Fierce Battle In Central Honan

Over 60,000 Japanese troops have been thrown into the battle in Central Honan where the area of operations has extended during the past 24 hours. Both sides have suffered heavy casualties. The situation at the railway junction town of Chengchow 350 miles north-west of Nanking where bloody fighting was reported yesterday is "obscure", states to-night's Chinese High Command 'communique.'

Allied Advance In New Guinea

Allied Headquarters South-West Pacific, April 25.

Allied troops advanced six miles inland towards Hollandia aerodrome in north-east New Guinea, states General MacArthur's 'communique' today. Great quantities of Japanese supplies have been captured. Further south in Aitape area, Allied troops are also advancing and have occupied Tadji and three islands off the shore. The Japanese air base of Wewak has been heavily bombed again.

101 Jap Planes Destroyed

WASHINGTON: A navy 'communique' to-day states that United States aircraft destroyed 101 Japanese planes in operations supporting the Allied invasion of north-eastern New Guinea.—Reuter.

ARGENTINA RESTRICTIONS

BUENOS AIRES, April 25.—The Ministry of Marine announced last night that several control measures will be adopted in connection with departure and entry of people from Argentine and also to prevent acts of sabotage on steamers arriving at Argentine ports all of which are to be declared military zones.—Reuter.

Huge Deficit In British Budget

But No Additional Taxation: Situation To Be Met By Borrowing & Savings

LONDON, April 25: Sir John Anderson, Chancellor of the Exchequer stated in the Commons to-day when introducing the budget that there would be no additional taxation.

Giving details of Britain's seventh wartime budget in the Commons to-day, Sir John Anderson, Chancellor of the Exchequer Minister of Finance said that total Revenue in the past year amounted to 3,039 millions sterling, which was 131 millions over the budget estimate.

"Pay As You Earn" Income Tax

All reports indicated that "the pay as you earn" Income-Tax (whereby the current year's income is taxed and not previous year's) had been successfully launched.

Sir John Anderson proposed to continue the present margin preference on sugar for a further two years from August next and to increase from 360,000 to 400,000 tons the quota of sugar which could be admitted at the special preferential rate for Colonial sugar. It is also proposed to raise the Duty on Beer by one penny per degree of gravity per standard barrel. This would not be passed on to the consumer. In 1938, 76 per cent of personal income was spent on consumption. Last year the percentage fell to 53.

Dealing with subsidies, Sir John Anderson said that without subsidies the cost of living index instead of being at 28 per cent above the pre-war level would probably have reached about 45 per cent in 1943 and about 50 per cent during this financial year. He warned the country of the grave dangers looming ahead if the tendency towards a general upward movement was not kept in check. It was equally important that industrialists should do everything to keep prices as low as possible.

EXPORTS MUST BE INCREASED

Before lease lend came, Britain had used up 1,000,000,000 sterling in assets and undischarged overseas liabilities amounted to another 2,000,000,000 sterling. "We are not yet at the end of this tale. We have parted with all this not to Neutrals but 90 per cent to our Allies and Associates most of whom will emerge from this war with their oversea's financial position greatly strengthened as a result of it just as ours is greatly weakened." He thought that due regard was not always paid to these sombre facts. It would be indispensable for Britain to increase her exports. Canada would again make a financial contribution to the war effort of the United Nations this year on lines similar to the gifts of the last two years when the Dominion first gave Britain £250,000,000 sterling and then a corresponding gift to the United Nations. Post-war plans were based on the assumption that Britain would be able to import the raw materials necessary for active employment and sufficient food to maintain a standard, at least a little better than she enjoyed now. The country's productivity was large and Britain could carry these burdens if she made the effort. It was a challenge to the country's industry. After the war, there would be a world-wide demand for goods and if proper priority to the imperative needs of exports were given, Britain would not find much difficulty in selling.

PLAN TO HELP INDUSTRY

Outlining Government's plans to help industry after the war, Sir John proposed special initial allowances of 20 per cent for new machinery apart from existing allowances for wear and tear. 20 per cent would cover all businesses and be of particular value to shipping. "It will keep our incomparable mercantile marine up to date."

BIG BORROWING

Sir John Anderson said that the total expenditure to be provided for the year 1944-45 would be 5,937 million sterling. The total revenue for the year would be 3,102 million sterling—an excess of expenditure over revenue of 2,835 million sterling, which would be covered by borrowing. Revenue from taxation would amount to 50 per cent of the total expenditure—a higher proportion than in any previous year during this or the last war.

BUT NO NEW TAXATION

Sir John concluding said that it would be within Britain's capacity to finance the prospective deficit from savings and sources of a non-inflationary character.

He decided, therefore, that apart from minor changes, additional taxation was unnecessary.—Reuter.

NAZIS EVACUATE CONSTANZA

MOSCOW, April 25: German Command has started evacuating of the Rumanian port of Constanza, 200 miles west of Odessa, according to the newspaper "Truc".

Constanza's place as a German Black Sea base is to be taken by the Bulgarian port of Varna, some 80 miles further south-west the paper added.

RUSSIA WARNS SPAIN AND SWEDEN

LONDON, April 25: The Moscow radio to-day quoted the Russian review, "War and the Working Class" saying: "Neutral countries are supplying Germany with all kinds of material which Hitler's war machine needs and are accordingly assisting in the prolongation of the war. The present situation, under which neutral countries, receiving vital commodities from the Allies, do not consider themselves obliged to withdraw from contracts with Hitlerite Germany, can no longer be tolerated. The Soviet people are not likely to forget the tens of thousands of so-called volunteers whom Gen. Franco's Spain sent to assist Hitler against the Soviet Union, Nor will it be forgotten that to this day the Germans are using Swedish railways to supply their armies in Finland. At the present time when the Allied forces are preparing for the final conflict, it is absolutely vital to frustrate any attempt to protract the war".

Why Russia Keeps Off I.L.O.

MOSCOW, April 25: The newspaper "Izvestia", explaining the absence of the Soviet Union from the International Labour Conference at Philadelphia stated today that obstacles to the participation of the U S S R would disappear if the I L O ceased to be "an appendage of the League of Nations now and would become an organ of the United Nations which have joined their forces for the struggle against the common enemy of democratic countries".—Reuter.

MOONJE'S POSER TO JINNAH

BARODA, April 25.

A suggestion that Mr. Jinnah, the representative of the Muslims, Mahatma Gandhi if he were to give up his claim of representing the Congress and were to admit to be a communal representative of the Hindus as Mr. Jinnah was of the Muslims, or Mr. Savarkar, President or the Hindu Mahasabha should sit together and come to an understanding among themselves, was made by Dr. B. S. Moonje presiding over the first session of the Baroda State Hindu Conference to-day.

"Let them", added Dr. Moonje, "deposit the document of agreement, without disclosing the terms to the Government, with the Imperial Bank; and then go together to the Government declaring that the Hindus and the Muslims have come to an agreement and ask for the transfer of power. If the Government were to agree so much the better, but if the Government were still not to agree to transfer power, will Mr. Jinnah and his Muslims join hands with the Hindus in quarrelling and warring with the Government for the transfer of power?"

Referring to the law of monogamy in Baroda the speaker said that it was wrong to have passed such a law which was clearly an unwarranted interference with the Hindu sociology. If the Prince had broken his own law by marrying a second wife, he had made himself liable to criticism, but criticism should not be carried to inordinate and suicidal extent.—United Press.

HINDU SUBHAITES ABANDON MEETING

BEZWADA, April 25: The public meeting arranged for this evening, which Mr. B. G. Khaparde, General Secretary of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha, was to have addressed, had to be abandoned due to telegraphic order from the District Magistrate refusing permission to hold the meeting and take out a procession by the local Hindu Mahasabhaites.—A. P.

Babu Shivprasad Gupta, Ex-Treasurer of Indian National Congress who expired on Monday

A.I.C.C. Library Intact?

ALLAHABAD, April 25.

The A. I. C. C. office in Swaraj Bhawan was visited by Mr. Govind Narain, City Magistrate Allahabad, yesterday. It is learnt he spent about two hours inspecting the Library and other property of the office.

It is understood there has been no particular loss to the library due to white ants and except for a few publications of the A. I. C. C. which the white ants have touched all the valuable documents are intact. Mr. Govind Narain will submit the report of his inspection together with suggestions for the future care of the property of the A. I. C. C. office to higher authorities.

It will be recalled that recently the discovery of damage to the A. I. C. C. property by white ants had given rise to a notice of adjournment motion in the Central Assembly and to reports that U. P. Government would take steps for the proper care of the property.—A. P.

GERMANS STAGE HOUR-LONG RAID ON NAPLES AREA

Series Of Mystery Explosions Behind Nazi Lines On Fifth Army Front

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN ITALY, April 25: A series of unexplained heavy explosions have been seen behind German lines in the Ataleta area of the main Fifth Army front during the past couple of days, says Reuter's special correspondent. Allied curiosity was stirred and patrols have been sent to investigate.

American troops in the Anzio beachhead have further improved their positions by the occupation of another house and a German strongpoint after a brisk small arms clash. The Germans staged a raid on the Naples area last night lasting about one hour.

ALLIED COMMUNIQUE

To-day's Allied 'communique' states: "Normal patrol and artillery activity took place on all fronts. Yesterday strong forces of heavy bombers attacked the railyards at Ploesti and Bucharest with excellent results. The Ikarus aircraft factory at Belgrade was also attacked by a small force of heavy bombers. Medium bombers continued their onslaught against rail communications in Central Italy.

Fighter-bombers attacked shipping near Leghorn, aircraft on the ground at Canino Road and rail traffic in the Avezzano area and other shipping off the Yugoslav coast. During the day's operations 29 enemy aircraft were destroyed. Fourteen of ours are missing.

From Reuter's Special Correspondent: Allied patrols penetrated deep into the central mountainous sector across the head waters of the Sangro river near Atleta. Neither army holds a very firm line across the rugged and treacherous peaks where communications and supply are virtually impossible.

In the Upper Garigliano sector Allied troops repulsed four German patrols. Within Cassino there was a heavy exchange of gun fire with the railway station area receiving an especially heavy pounding from artillery and mortars.

ALLIES STRENGTHEN PERIMETER

In the Anzio bridgehead American troops advanced to capture two features just west of Carano, improving their positions on the western rim of the central perimeter bulge. Simultaneously another small force occupied woods two miles south of Cisterna and positions along the road extending south on the opposite side of the bulge. Thus the Allies have strengthened both sides of the bulge defences.

Nazi-Indians Mortar Fights

From A. K. Quereshi, A. P. I. Special Correspondent with Indian troops in Italy: Mortar fights, their tempo somewhat increased, between Indian and German forces have characterised the activity on the eighth Army's Adriatic sector during the last 48 hours. German fire on Indian positons west of Poggioflorito, five miles north-north-west of Castel Frentano, was particularly heavy. Our mortars and artillery concentrated on areas just east of Arielli and a mile and a half west of this town. A German party, 50 strong, attacked our position north-east of Arielli. Another German patrol attempted to infiltrate our nearby positions. Both attempts were foiled by our severe counter-action. German stretcher-bearers were afterwards seen clearing their casualties.

A mile and a half south-east of Guardiagrele an Indian patrol had a brush with the Germans, compelling the latter to withdraw. The ruins of Casino resounded with a loud explosion when Allied artillery scored a direct hit on one of the German ammunition dumps in the town. Allied guns also went for a German tank emplaced in the Cassino area. It burst into flames and is now lying upside down. Allied mortars silenced a German machine-gun post near the town of San Angelo, three miles south of Cassino. A German observation post south of San Angelo, which had been directing German artillery and mortar fire on our positions on the eastern banks of the Rapido river was spotted and swept away by Allied mortars.

27 NAZI PLANES DESTROYED

From Reuter's Special Correspondent: For more than one hour 'Flying Fortresses' and 'Liberators', dropped high explosives on Ploesti and Bucharest in yesterday morning's raid. The day's total bag of Nazi planes was 27. Direct hits were scored by heavy bombs on railway lines, rolling stock and nearby oil installations at Ploesti. The returning crews reported smoke and flames rising to a height of 5,000 feet and large explosions throughout the whole area. The bombers struck in what is officially termed great strength.

'Flying Fortresses' to-day raided Belgrade-Ikarus aeroplane factory. Members of the crews reported good results. Some Axis fighters were shot down.

PAS DE CALAIS BOMBED

United States headquarters announced that LIBERATORS of the Eighth Air Force attacked military installations in Pas de Calais in France this afternoon. LIGHTNING fighter bombers during the morning also attacked an airfield in Northern France.

JAT BATTALION OVERRUNS JAP FORWARD POSITIONS

Allies Repulse Counter-Attacks On Kohima Road Continue Advance Along Ukhrul Road

CEYLON, April 25: To-day's S.E.A.C. Communique says:

"There is no material change in the Kohima area, where mopping up continues. North of the Imphal plain, on the Kohima road, an English county regiment cleared a road block and a battalion of the 9th Jats overran the Japanese forward positions, capturing an anti-tank gun, after which they repulsed two counter-attacks.

Our advance continues along the Ukhrul road.

West of Bishenpur our troops are in close contact with the enemy.

"East of the Kalpanzin valley, our troops carried out a surprise attack. North-west of Buthidaung a party of our troops made an advance of a mile.

West of the Mogaung river, Chinese infantry with tank support have advanced to Imkangahtawng. In the neighbourhood of Taungup, on the way to Myitkyina, our levies continued their advance with successful ambushes.

"It is now known that on Sunday night when R. A. F. bombers attacked the Moulmein railway yards, the 10th U. S. A. A. F. struck at the same target. Pilots report that on approaching the area a fire was visible 40 miles away. On Sunday and Monday 10th U.S.A.A.F., R.A.F. and I.A.F. fighters, fighter-bombers and dive-bombers of the Tactical Air Force continued their intensive attacks in daylight on enemy positions, supply areas, rivercraft, bridges and railway stations in the Arakan, Kaladan, Mayu and north and north-west Burma. In daylight on Sunday, long-range fighters over the Gulf of Martaban destroyed two tugs and damaged a number of aircraft and a landing stage Tyapom. On Monday, Air Commando fighters and bombers of the Tactical Air Force, escorted by R. A. F. fighters bombed and strafed targets in the Indaw area.

100 JAPS KILLED

MOGAUNG VALLEY: Clockwork co-ordination of artillery, infantry and tanks has been the highspot of the last three days' bitter fighting in the Upper Mogaung Valley, writes K. Gopalan, A.P.I. war correspondent with the Chinese-American forces.

Territorially the results have been anything but spectacular and our forward positions on the main road are still lying over half a mile north of Inkangahtang, but tanks in three days claim a hundred Japs killed.

While the Japs have undoubtedly succeeded to a certain extent in delaying and slowing down Chinese-American advance, they are still feeling the weight of superior men and material pitted against them and our progress continues to be steady. During the last three days our forces also captured ten machine-guns in addition to killing 50 horses which are as valuable to Japs as motortrucks.

TRIBUTE TO RAJPUT SUBEDAR

KOHIMA FRONT, April 21: When his company Commander was killed Subedar Multan Singh for a week commanded Rajputs, who fought side by side with men of a Home Counties regiment during the 13 days' defence of Kohima, says a Press Note.

An officer of the Home Counties Regiment, who for days commanded a company on the same sector as the Rajputs told an Indian Army observer: "The Subedar had absolute control of his men and was of tremendous help to us. Had he not stood fast the position at one time may have become critical."

DUTCH TO RESUME RULE IN NEW GUINEA

LONDON, April 25.

Allied Headquarters South-West Pacific, London, April 25.

Netherlands civil authorities have landed at Hollandia, where they will organise the resumption of Dutch rule, it was announced at Gen. MacArthur's headquarters to-day.

JINNAH-TIWANA TALKS BREAK DOWN

LAHORE, April 25.

Although Malik Khizr Hyat Khan Tiwana, Premier of the Punjab, is meeting Mr. Jinnah for his final interview tomorrow, political observers believe that the talks have already broken down and that at tomorrow's meeting the Premier will formally reiterate his position.

Among those who saw Mr. Jinnah to-day was Syed Amjad Ali, Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier.

C. P. Govt.'s Call To Textile Strikers

NAGPUR, April 25

The Government of the Central Provinces and Berar, in the course of one of their longest communiques, give certain assurances and advise the workers in the textile industry of the Province, to call off the strike, which began at Nagpur on 26th February and at other centres on 29th February.

Three of the workers' demands are: Firstly, 40 per cent increase in basic wages, secondly, payment of regularity bonus on a monthly basis and thirdly, demand for the extension of the Provident Fund scheme to all the mills in the Province.

Government express their willingness to institute a detailed investigation into the demand for increase in dearness allowance. The Communique records Government's views on the rest of the workers' demands and particularly assures them, provided they return to work now, that there would be no individual victimisation. —A. P.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

COTTON (July)

NEW YORK, April 25.

Previous Closing	20.67
To-day's Opening	20.70
Difference	+3
To-day's closing	20.68
Difference	+01

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, April 25.

New York Stock Exchange opening prices, General motors dol. 56, Anaconda copper mining dol. 25, U. S. Steel Corp. common dol. 50-5/8 pref. unquoted.—Reuter.

U. S. BOMBER SHOT DOWN BY SWISS FIGHTERS

ZURICH, April 25.

Swiss fighters yesterday shot down an American bomber which refused to land when challenged over Swiss territory. Another United States bomber crashed and twelve more made forced landings in Switzerland, it was officially stated here to-day. —Reuter.

Latest From South Africa

DURBAN, April 25: Dissatisfaction with abrogation of the Pegging Act was expressed to-day by groups of both the European and Indian communities in Durban in letters and telegrams to the Prime Minister, the Minister of the Interior, the Indian High Commissioner and the Administrator of Natal.

The Europeans object to the abrogation of the Pegging Act until racial zoning is attained, while the Indians demand that the Act be immediately and unconditionally recalled.

WAR CABINET & DOMINION PREMIERS

LONDON, April 25: Mr. Attlee, Deputy Prime Minister, told the Commons to-day that it is the intention to invite Dominion Prime Ministers during their stay in Britain to attend meetings of the War Cabinet not concerned with purely United Kingdom Affairs.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Bezwada Village Gutted

BEZWADA, April 25

About 400 houses, including Groundnut and Paddy godowns, were destroyed in a fire—the biggest to be tackled by the Bezwada firefighting services—which broke out six miles from Bezwada last Saturday.

The Bezwada firefighting service fought the flames for 36 hours and succeeded in saving half the village.

Damage caused by the fire is estimated to run into several lakhs. There was no loss of human life.—A. P.

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No Disaffiliation Of Sophia College

But Govt. Share Senate's Reprobation Of Conversion Activities

The Government of Bombay have sent a letter to the Registrar University of Bombay in reply to the resolution of the Senate of the University recommending the disaffiliation of the Sophia College for Women. The Government consider that the disaffiliation of the College appears far too drastic for the needs of the situation. But they share the Senate's reprobation of any activity in affiliated Colleges aiming at conversion of students from one religion to another.

The following is the text of the letter addressed by Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Education Department, to the Registrar, Bombay University:—

With reference to your letter No. 3585, dated 19th February, 1944, forwarding a resolution passed by the Senate of the University of Bombay recommending that the rights conferred on the Sophia College for Women, Bombay, by affiliation may be withdrawn in whole under the provisions of Section 42 of the Bombay Univeristy Act, 1928, I am directed to state that a careful perusal of the proceedings submitted by you discloses that disaffiliation of the College is recommended solely on the ground of a breach in 'spirit' by the Principal of the College of certain assurances given by her, and that the evidence of any such breach is of a kind which cannot be considered satisfactory or convincing. Government is, therefore, unable to approve the proposal of the Senate for the disaffiliation of the College, which appears far too drastic for the needs of the situation, involving as it would the ruin of the College and grave detriment to the careers of its students. Government at the same time wishes to add that it shares the Senate's reprobation of any activity in affiliated colleges aiming at the conversion of the students from one religion to another, and trusts that its decision in this case will not be understood in any other sense. In particular it trusts that the assurances given by the Principal of the Sophia College in this connection will be scrupulously observed. I am to request you to be so good as to convey the foregoing orders of Government to the Sophia College for Women, Bombay, as soon as possible. An order under section 42 (5) of the Bombay University Act, 1928, will, if found necessary, be published in the Bombay Government Gazette in due course.

DURBAN CITY COUNCIL PROTESTS

"Withdrawal Of Pegging Would Make For Worse Racial Relations"

DURBAN, April 25.

The Durban City Council to-day unanimously passed a vote of protest against the decision of the Government to withdraw the Pegging Act from Durban.

The vote followed the suspension of the standing rules of the Council in order that a motion by Councillor L. L. Boyd, member of the Provincial Council, could be presented. Mr. Boyd said that his reasons for asking the Council to disapprove of Government's decision were not based on racial prejudice. "The proposed solution can lead nowhere but to greater racial disharmony. It can only lead to more strife with India rather than friendliness. The Government has done no more than open an old running sore".

Mr. Boyd said no attempt had been made by the Government to consult the City Council which represented Durban, but had ignored it. "Without our sanction or even consulting us the Government agreed on a solution about which we were told afterwards. If this is democracy it is mere sham." Mr. Boyd asserted that those who had racial harmony at heart could not sit by and see this go through. It did not mean that Government was doing anything to help the small man; it was merely pandering to high finance in that it would now be possible for the wealthy Indian to invest his money.

Mr. Boyd said, had Indians realised it that the Pegging Act was doing them a service, it would eventually have brought about an atmosphere of peace and calm that was desirable. But the Indians themselves destroyed that atmosphere. The Government's decision was "the greatest disservice to racial harmony in this country".

TEXT OF RESOLUTION

The resolution passed by the Council read: "The Durban City Council disapproves of the agreement reached between the representatives of the Union Government, the Natal Provincial Administration and the Natal Indian Congress. The City Council deplores that as the local authority of the only area to which the Pegging Act applied, it was not consulted in any way or given a hearing especially in view of the declaration made on behalf of the Government in 1943, that the Pegging Act would remain in operation for three years during which the City Council would be on its trial. The City Council protests that the regulation and control of occupation only of property, and the removal of all control over the acquisition of property in this province by Asiatics from Europeans and 'vice-versa', is in all circumstances a most unsatisfactory way of dealing with the matter and inimical to the best interests of the city and the country as a whole".—Reuter.

POST-WAR SHIPPING PLANS

NEW YORK, April 24.

A British-America Conference to draw up a tentative world shipping programme is advocated by the Guarant Trust Company in a discussion of post-war shipping problems. Outlining the proposal in its monthly publication "Guaranty Survey", the bank said: "Other powers concerned could then be invited to participate in the plan, proposing such modifications as they might deem fair and desirable."—Reuter.

Roosevelt On Problem Of Palestine

BOMBAY, Monday: The Secretary of the Bombay Provincial Jamiat-ul-Ulema, Moulana Nazir Ahmed Khujandi has received the following reply to the cable which he has sent to the President Roosevelt as regards the immigration of Jews into Palestine. The reply has been received through the Consul at Bombay. It reads:

"Sir,

"I have been requested by the Department of State at Washington to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of March 20, 1944 to the President of the United States with regard to the situation in Palestine.

You are advised that the views expressed in your cable have been carefully noted and that the Department of State will continue to devote the closest attention to those matters effecting Palestine, with which it may be concerned."

—HOWARD DONOVAN,
American Consul, 'Orient Press.'

Nizam's Committee To Inquire Into Workers' Conditions

HYDERABAD (Dn.), April 25.

The Nizam's Government have appointed a committee consisting of Mr. Ramchander Naik, a Judge of the Hyderabad High Court, M. Habibur Rahaman, Director of Industries Nizam's Government, and Dr. Anwar Iqbal Quresh., head of the Economics Department, Osmania University, to enquire into and suggest measures for the betterment of the social and economic conditions of the workers especially industrial, in the State.—A. P.

Fine For Misusing Heads Of Cattle

SILCHAR, April 20: For supplying 67 head of cattle fit for cultivation, to the Military, one Abdula Miah has been sentenced by Mr. S. A. Hussain, Magistrate First Class, under the Defence of India Rules to pay a fine of Rs. 500.

This is the first case of its kind in the district.—A. P.

CALCUTTA, April 25: Dearth of suitably qualified candidates for studying agricultural sciences, particularly entomology and mycology, is stressed in a communication received by the Calcutta University from the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research.—A. P.

MISS MATTHAI MYSTERY

"Projection" Story About Disappearance

NEW YORK, April 24.

Valsa Matthai, daughter of Dr. John Matthai, is alive, according to a 'projection' obtained by hypnotist and psychic phenomena research worker, Dr. Thomas L. Garett of New York City. According to him Valsa, who vanished on March 20, is now staying on a ranch in south-western United States.

Giving to a New York journal reporter a vivid word picture of her movements since she left home, Dr. Garett traced her to a ranch near Raton, New Mexico. Using the necessary vibrations from a match-box used by Valsa, Dr. Garrett took down the following visualisations:

"At 04.50 hours on March 20 Valsa Matthai summons the elevator at the place where she is living. She goes through the hallway to the street door. She turns north, walks down hill and then goes up some stairs of a subway She takes train downtown and gets off at Rector Street. She goes a short distance to a tube which leads to New Jersey. She gets off at Hoboken. She walks a short distance along the waterfront until she reaches a small curio shop. She pauses there, glances up and down the street and when she sees she is unobserved she goes next door to a stairway leading to an apartment above the stores. She knocks at the second floor. In a few minutes a woman with black hair braided on her head admits her inside. She remains in this apartment one day. Then in company with two persons she boards a train for west. She gets off at Raton, New Mexico. She seems ill."

Dr. Garrett later visited Hoboken and found the small curio shop near the waterfront. Knocking on the doors of the apartment above elicited no reply and no "woman with black hair" appeared.

It was learned from Valsa's friends that she had been making plans to spend the summer on an American ranch.—Reuter.

GERMAN MAPS OF SCANDINAVIA SEIZED

STOCKHOLM, April 24.—A new find of German largescale maps of the whole of Scandinavia was made at Trelleborg when a ferry arrived yesterday from Sassnitz. The maps which numbered several thousand were confiscated by the Customs and are being examined by military authorities. Reuter.

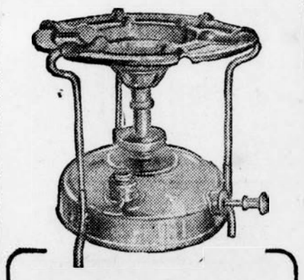
W. I. A. A. BEAT R. A. F.

The tragedy which recently overtook Bombay a few days has affected the minds of sportsmen a great deal. Two of our well-known footballers, Sam Thampson and Otto Ernst, lost their lives in addition to many others who are less known to the public. The W.I.F.A. is the first sporting body to arrange a special exhibition match to help the sufferers. It produced the handsome figure of Rs. 5,500. If the match was staged later in the season when the "Soccer fever" is at its height, it would have yielded at least double the amount. But I believe Moir and Co. in arranging the match so promptly, followed the time-honoured dictum of "Bis dat qui cito dat." I think they were perfectly right in this step. Some people have criticised the absence of larger number Indians among the spectators. While I would have liked to see the Coo-perage packed with our people, I cannot say that they did not so turn out for want of sympathy with the cause. They will have plenty of occasions to contribute their mite to the Relief Fund presided over by our Mayor.

MEDIOCRE FOOTBALL

The match from the football point of view, did not prove sufficiently attractive, although two of the best teams in Bombay were engaged in the combat. Neither the Rovers Cup holders, the Royal Air Force, nor the Harwood League Champions, the W. I. A. A. were anywhere near their top form. The absence of some of their old Stalwarts from the ranks of both sides made their combinations much weaker than before. The bare-footed Indians, with the ground conditions much to their advantage had the better of the exchanges in the first half. Rashid gave them the lead early in the contest which turned out to be the winning point. The lead would have been much bigger if Thomas had utilised some of the golden opportunities offered to him. In the latter period, the airmen figured more prominently. But in Lynn, the W.I.A.A. Custodian, they found a huge stumbling block in the attainment of their goal. I have no doubt both the teams would improve a good deal before the season is far advanced. I understand the Indian Football League is arranging a special match for the same cause next month at Parel.

CAWNPORE, April 24.—At a meeting of the Hindustani Biradari held under the presidentship of Mr. Manohar Lal, a sub-committee was appointed to draw up the details of the 426th death anniversary celebrations of Kabir to be held in November.—A.P.



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To-day's Engagements

SOUTH INDIAN SANGEETHA SABHA, BOMBAY: The Musical Entertainment of Sri. Thiyagarajan (Disciple of Semmanguci Srinivasa Iyer) and party fixed for Sunday, the 23rd will be held to-day (Wednesday), at 8-30 p.m. at the South Indian Education Society's School Hall, Matunga, G. I. P.

CHINESE DRAMA AT WELLINGTON. "A Rose In The Wilderness," is the name of a Chinese drama which will be staged for the first time in Bombay at the Wellington Theatre on April 27 and 28 at 9 p.m. The drama portrays the heroic resistance of embattled China and is open to the public. Proceeds of these two shows will go to Chinese Soldiers Comforts Fund. English commentaries of the Chinese dialogue are available for non-Chinese speaking public. The tickets are available at Wellington Theatre.

INDIAN SPIRITUALIST SOCIETY: A discourse and seances at 51, Gordhandas Building, Opp. Portuguese Church, Girgaum, to-day (Wednesday), at 6 p.m.

DADAR VIDYA MANDIR. A demonstration of Physical Culture, Lathi, Lezim and Drill Exercises by the Students of Dadar Vidya Mandir drew a large and representative gathering which among others included Diwan Bahadur N. V. Sayana, the Director of the School, Seth Jayantilal Tribhuvandas a well-known salt-merchant of Thana, presiding. The President in his address eulogised the work of the school in the sphere of physical Education which, he said, is one of the planks of National Education, Principal Tavkar read the report.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: Question and Answer Meeting. Jehangir Wadia Building, Flora Fountain, to-day (Wednesday), 6-15 p.m.

DASTURJI BODE'S LECTURE: On "Haptan Yasht" at Mazdaznan Hall, opp. Churchgate Station at 6-15 p.m., to-day (Wednesday).

LOW ON IMPHAL FRONT. Sir Francis Low will broadcast a talk on 'Imphal Front' from All-India Radio, Bombay to-day (Wednesday), at 8-10 p.m. The talk will be radiated on 244 metres and 41.44 metres.

MUNICIPAL WORKERS' UNION: A special meeting of the Municipal Workers' Union will be held at 6-30 p.m. to-day (Wednesday) to discuss and decide the course of action to achieve the demands presented to the Mayor in January, and to give send off to Miss Maniben Kara and Mr. V. B. Karnik who will shortly proceed to London to attend the World Trade Union Conference as representatives of the Indian Federation of Labour.

"DIL PAZIR" FETE: The Dil Pazir Syamantaka diamond Bracelet Raffle, as well as the Lucky Programme Number, will be drawn by His Grace The Archbishop of Bombay, to-day (Wednesday) at 11-30 a.m. at the residence of His Grace The Archbishop of Bombay, Wodehouse Road, Colaba.

A MODEL OF BADRI-KEDAR: A model of Badri-Kedar terrain, executed by Mr. Tricumdas Premji and placed in H. P. T Girls' High School Sunderabai Hall, will be unveiled by Mr. I. H. Taunton, I C S, on Thursday (April 27) at 6-30 p.m. The original plaster model was exhibited by the University of Bombay in 1933-34 and is now placed in Sir Sayajirao Gaekwar Library of the Benares Hindu University.

Mr. Raghunath P. Karwe, Registrar of the Law College, Bombay, who retired from his post recently.

Newsparade Special

A Newsparade Special entitled "Fire Havoc In Bombay" was released last Saturday by I. F. I. at all first run Indian and English theatres in Bombay and will be shown continuously throughout India thereafter.

A roar that shook the city, a great writhing pillar of smoke .....
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MR. T. C. KAPUR

Mr. Trilok Chandra Kapur of Lahore has been appointed Manager of the Bombay Mutual Life Assurance Society Ltd.

Mr. Kapur has had a successful insurance career and he is to-day one of the prominent Insurance men of India. He was connected with the Lakshmi Insurance Co., Ltd., of Lahore, since its inception. He was also the General Secretary of the Second Indian Insurance Conference held in April 1934 at Lahore as well as Deputy President and President of the Insurance Society of Lahore in 1938-39 and 1939-40 respectively.

HINDUSTHAN SCOUTS BOMBAY NORTH DISTRICT ASSOCIATION has appointed a Committee for collection of clothes to be distributed amongst the destitutes suffering from the last great fire in Bombay. The clothes will be receved at Maharashtra High School, Lower Parel, R. M. Bhat High School, Parel, Hind Mata Seva Mandal, Chinchpokli, Scout Jamboree, B.D.D. Chawls No. 22, Worli and Dr. Kir's residence at Kumbharwada, Dadar. They have started their work from the 16th inst.

Shrimati Sadhona Bose, the well-known danseuse whose ballet opens its season at the Excelsior on Friday next.

INDIAN CENSORSHIP INDICTED

"Reynold's News" Editor Exposes Delhi Methods

(From A Special Correspondent)

LONDON, April 25.

To-day's "Reynold's News" publishes a two-column article by its editor debunking the Indian censorship which prevents the correspondents who refused to file ing a true picture of what happened in India to-day. The editor after citing five British war correspondent swho refused to file their despatches because of the conditions imposed by the Indian censoship discusses Mr. D. V. Tahmankar who as the Indian correspondent of the "Reynold's News" had bitter experiences of the Indian censorship methods.

Writes the editor: "Mr. Tahmankar was recalled because it became clear that the Indian censorship, as it now operates, is a political smokesrceen, through which it is impossible to filter first-hand reports of what the people in that country are thinking and saying.' The editor states that he had gone over the censored copies of Mr. Tahmankar's cables to the "Reynold's News" and selected only four of the scores of cuts which were made. "For nine out of ten of the cuts it is impossible to find the faintest shadow of security reasons: It is easy to see the determination that no political comment unpopular with the Indian authorities shall be allowed to reach Britain", he added.

The editor then quotes cuts from the original messages to Mr. Tahmankar by the censor and says: "The British people have a right to know what is happening under their custodianship but not if the British censorship in India can stop them, for every single one of these descriptions was cut. The Typical Indian censorship is widening the gulf which divides the people."

POWNALL BACK IN CEYLON AS CHIEF OF STAFF

COLOMBO (By Mail).

Lieutenant General Sir Henry Pownall, who commanded Ceylon Army Command from March 1942 to March 1943 is back in the island this time as Chief of Staff to the Supreme Allied Commander of South East Asia. When he arrived in 1942 after the fall of Java he came to organise our small forces for a desperate defence; but now he is here to organise a great and confident attack.—A. P.

IN AID OF MIDDLE CLASS HOMELESS

The Vikramaditya Relief Committee will present at 9-30 p. m. on Monday the 1st May, at the Balliwalla Grand Theatre, Tardeo, a Gujerati drama through the kindness of Seth Faredoon Irani, proprietor of the Khatau Alfred Theatrical Company, the entire proceeds of which will be utilised for giving immediate relief to the middle-class who have been rendered homeless and unemployed as a result of the recent calamity in Bombay.

The tickets are priced at Rs. 50, 35, 25, 15, 10, 7, 5 and 2-8 and can be had at Monji Sunderji, 71-73 Chukla Street (Tel. 20927), Ramrikhdas Parasram Pooria, Rajmahal, opp. Bhuleshwar Bombakhana, (Tel. No. 31175) and at the Balliwalla Grand Theatre.

Goan Folksongs In Aid Of Mayor's Relief Fund

The Progressive Group and the Goan Folksong and Choral Society are Jointly staging the programme of Konkanim Folk music song and ballet (which was presented by the Society on April 19 and 20 at the Regal) in aid of the Mayor's Emergency Relief Fund at the Regal on Thursday, May 4, at 6-30 p.m.

The entire proceeds of the concert will be sent to the Fund for the purpose of providing artificial limbs and other medical aid to victims of the recent explosions in the city's hospitals.

Donations towards this most urgent and deserving cause are invited from the public, it being the purpose of the organisers to raise a sum of Rs. 20,000 at least. All such contributions should be sent to the Joint Honorary Secretary, Progressive Group, Mr. H J B Chinoy, The Advocate General's Chamber, Bombay High Court, or to the President, Goan Folksong and Choral Society, C/o "The Evening News of India". Cheques should be made out to the Goan Folksong and Choral Society and crossed.

Tickets are priced at Rs. 10 and Rs. 5 in the Balcony, and Rs. 3, Rs. 4 and Rs. 5 in the Stalls, all reservable, and may be purchased in advance at the theatre, where the plan opened on Tuesday evening.

HINDI SAHITYA SAMMELAN

ALLAHABAD, April 24: Sri Goswami Ganesh Datt has been elected the President of the All-India Hindi Sahitya Sammelan for the Jaipur Session of the Sammelan to be held sometime in the second week of May.

Following persons were elected Presidents of the various Parishads:—

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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, April 25

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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY.

Laws stupefy conscience, liberty develops it.

—Dr. John Clifford.

The Bombay Chronicle

ECONOMIC IMPERIALISM

Last week's perfunctory debate in Parliament on India and the casual remarks on India in the Empire debate in the Commons have not failed to evoke some hard criticism in the British press. The "Economist" questions the wisdom of Mr. Amery's speech and feels that many events in India in the war years "have shaken faith in British rule." The "Daily Worker" feels that "there was something obscene in the smug self-satisfaction with which Mr. Amery, to justify his demand for special powers, slandered the Congress leaders whom his employment of these special powers prevents from answering back.' The paper believes that the House of Commons is growing restive. If it is, it is not yet with regard to the Indian situation, the reality about which is still hidden from it. When Mr. Amery goes on blackguarding Congress leaders, who are neither tried nor allowed to defend themselves, and the Commons quietly lets him have his way it cannot be said to be restive on India's account, at any rate not yet. Its complacence or callousness betrays only its waning sense of honour and fairplay.

A careful reading of the Empire debate, the repeated assertion that Britain will hold her own and the talk of concerted exploitation of the Empire resources with the aid of British capital should put Indians on their guard against an attempt to keep a firm economic hold on India while the political hold may have to be relaxed, at least apparently, under the pressure of world political forces. Pressure from America may lead to a show of constitutional reform. But that very pressure seems to be driving Britain to tighten her economic grip of India against America's attempts to extend her markets here. This conclusion is supported by the otherwise preposterous statement made by Mr. Shinwell in the Commons that the Indian problem to-day is "more an economic than a political one." He also stated: "By raising the standards of life of 400 millions, not only have we accomplished something that is worthy and desirable for those people, but we have provided ourselves with extensive markets, and indeed extensive markets for the whole of the Empire countries." Statements like this, though they betray an unedifying selfishness, are nothing new. But at present they reveal attempts to exploit India economically for the benefit of "the whole of the Empire countries." They reveal attempts at imposing fresh economic shackles, whether or not the political ones are really removed. These attempts are certainly not going to succeed but they do portend a new sphere of conflict in which victory is possible only with an intensive Swadeshi movement.

Proselytizing In Colleges

The decision of the Bombay Government, published elsewhere, on the resolution of the University Senate regarding the disaffiliation of the Sophia College will, we are afraid, hardly satisfy either side to the controversy. It is a compromise, which it must be recognised, very definitely accords official approval to the fundamental principles laid down by the Senate at their meeting in August, 1943, forbidding any activity in affiliated colleges calculated to result in the conversion of any student from one religion to another. Government are careful to add that their decision in this regard must not be understood in any other sense. They even express the hope that the assurances given by the Principal of the Sophia College in this connection will in future be scrupulously observed, and direct that those "orders" be immediately conveyed to the Sophia College authorities.

The basic principle at stake in this whole controversy may thus be admitted to have been vindicated. Government have not questioned either the procedure adopted, or the competence, impartiality, or authority of the Committee which investigated the matter on behalf of the university. At the same time they see none of the difficulties upon which those who opposed this principle in the Senate last August expatiated. They only think the evidence regarding the breach 'in spirit' of the assurances given by the Principal "cannot be considered satisfactory or convincing.' As has been pointed out in these columns by Prof. K. T. Shah, given the powers of the university under the Act, it was legally impossible to collect, shift and present evidence more satisfactory than that already put forward by the University authorities.

While not disputing the legal position that Government have the final authority to pass such orders as they deem proper and necessary, it may be questioned if, in passing the orders that they have done, Government have dealt fairly with the university or shown the Senate the respect and consideration to which such a body is entitled. Government do not appear to challenge the facts, even if they are not convinced by the evidence advanced. They consider the proposal for disaffiliation to be "too drastic for the needs of the situation." It is a question of degree on which the final word is left with Government; and, under a popular responsible, National Government, no one would question the wisdom or propriety of leaving such powers in the hands of the Government. We cannot, likewise, agree with Government that the disaffiliation of the college would necessarily mean the ruin of the institution, or of the career of its students. For the college could have been easily reconstructed by a reconstitution of its governing body, and affiliated afresh, with retrospective effect, if necessary, so that no harm should result to its students. Constituted, however, as the Government of Bombay are at present, it may well be questioned if they are in sufficient contact with the pulse of the people to realise all the implications of such a compromise. It is to be hoped, therefore, that the college concerned will learn a lesson very much needed to be learnt by such foreign missionary enterprise in India and that the public will have no ground for apprehension on this account. In this connection we would strongly commend to those interested in the subject the perusal of a booklet entitled "The Sophia College Case" (Edited and published by K. K. Shah and S. H. Nanavati, 156, Tardeo, Bombay, with an introduction and a summary of the issues involved by Prof. K. T. Shah). The book contains valuable material concerning the case including the series of articles on the subject contributed to 'The Chronicle" by Prof. K. T. Shah who has borne the brunt of the campaign for the vindication of the principle that there should be no proselytization in colleges affiliated to the university and whose laudable efforts in this direction have been woefully misunderstood and misrepresented. The principle has been accepted by the Government and we trust the authorities of the Sophia College will see that the assurances originally given by them in this connection are scrupulously carried out.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

New Headache For Japan

Hardly have the echoes of the Allied naval attack on Sumatra, which must have caused serious alarm to the Japanese High Command, died away, when the report has come of the successful landings made by Allied troops in north-eastern New Guinea, completing the isolation of some 60,000 Japanese troops stationed in the island. Latest reports indicate that satisfactory progress is being made by the Allied troops, they having already captured Hollandia village and the Humboldt Bay region, and that they are pushing closer to the three Japanese air bases at Hollandia. The Japanese troops are now practically trapped in the northern and north-eastern coastal regions of the island and unless relieved by the Japanese navy by means of heroic measures chances of which must remain remote for some time, their fate appears to be sealed like that of their confreres in the Bismarck and Solomon Archipelagoes. The credit for the new headache given to the Japanese war lords goes entirely to the intrepid General MacArthur.

Finnish Recalcitrancy

The Moscow Radio correctly summed up the real situation in Finland when it declared the other day that "the Finnish Government is not the master of its own house" Marshall Mannheim and his junta who are at the helm of Finnish affairs to-day are too pro-Nazi at heart readily to give up the chances of doing some harm to the Soviet Union. They apparently cherish some hope that they will be able to hold the Finnish citadel in the interests of their Nazi allies for some time longer still without fear of any serious punishment at the hands of the Soviet. The conciliatory attitude adopted by the Soviet is obviously being interpreted by them as a sign of the Soviet's unpreparedness to push matters to the extreme. Otherwise, the terms of peace offered by the Soviet are such as would have commended themselves to any Government sincerely repentent for its treacherous conduct towards the Soviet Union and desirous of bringing about amicable relations between their country and the Union. Even if some of the terms were considered to be too harsh, one dare say it might have been found possible by the Finnish leaders to secure a modification of them through friendly intermediaries But, as already observed by us, these leaders would appear to be still confident that the Soviet is not in a position at present to punish the Finnish Government for its recalcitrancy. Disillusionment is clearly in store for the latter.

I. L. O.

Evidently a silent but nonetheless stiff tug-of-war is proceeding behind the scenes of the International Labour Office Conference now in session at Philadelphia, the workers' delegates being ranged against the combined forces of the employers' and Governments' delegates. The matter at issue is the question of the scope and powers of the I.L.O. in relation to international economic politics after the war and to other international agencies. The workers' delegates, it would appear, are in favour of an expansion in the scope of the I.L.O.'s activities, so as to ensure a general control of world economic conditions in the interests of the betterment of the lot of workers. Depressions and other evils, they point out, cannot be effectively tackled without the active co-operation of the State machinery which deals with economic conditions; and if the I.L.O. has to find solutions for problems of such nature, they contend, it must be in a position to enlist the co-operation of the Governments, who owe allegiance to the I.L.O., in its tasks.

Clash Of Interests

This policy of an expansion of the activities of the I.L.O. is not commending itself to the employers' and Governments' representatives, who fear that once the I.L.O. allows a breach to be made in its present scope there will be no limit to the scope of its activities and that it may come into serious clash with other agencies who may resent the intrusions of the I.L.O. in their own spheres. It appears to us that the opposition to the expansion of the scope of I.L.O. proceeds only from vested capitalistic interests, who fear further loosening of their grip on the working classes if Labour is allowed an enhanced voice in the control of the State machinery. Most of the Governments represented at the I.L.O. are clearly capitalist and there is nothing strange in their opposition to the scheme of expansion of the scope of the I.L.O. But one cannot conceive of the Soviet Government of Russia, if she joins the Conference, opposing such a scheme, since the interests of workers are identical with those of the State there. It will be interesting to watch how the tug-of-war proceeds.

Babu Shivaprasad Gupta

The death of Babu Shivaprasad Gupta takes away a high-soul patriotic Indian who dearly loved his countrymen and showered upon them his philanthropy. He plunged into the non-co-operation movement with a passion for National Education. He was the founder of the Kashi Vidyapith, for which he created a trust of Rs. 10 lakhs. He was also a founder of the "Aj", a Hindi daily of Benares, and a generous patron of Hindi literature. So loving and amiable was his nature that, though he was an ardent Congressmen and most uncompromising on fundamental points, he had a large circle of friends and admirers outside the Congress. Gandhiji and many others will miss in him a dear friend. For years he was stricken with paralysis and perhaps death was a relief to him. His silent self-less service of his country will ever be an inspiration to Indians.

SEVERAL ARRESTS IN MUNSHIGANJ

MUNSHIGANJ, April 25

The police have recovered two guns from the village of Panchgaon after searching the house of a suspect. Several persons have been arrested in this connection.—United Press.

S. V. GHATE RELEASED

MADRAS, April 25

Mr. S. V. Ghate, Communist leader, who was detained under orders of the Central Government, has been released from the Vellore Jail. It is understood that there is no proposal at present to repatriate the Madras detenus from the Central Provinces.—United Press.

Viramgam Municipality Suspended

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, April 25.

The Viramgam Municipality has at last been superceded by the Bombay Government and a committee of management is appointed.

Similar orders are likely to follow for the Ahmedabad Municipality and District Local Board.

"Paigham" Resumes Publication

PESHAWAR, April 25.

The Daily Paigham of Peshawar, which was suspended by the order of the Government of India under the Defence of India Act, has now been permitted to resume publication.—United Press.

"Wanted" Man Arrested

KADOD, April 24: Kantilal Parekh, who had been wanted by the police since August 1942 has been arrested here under the Defence of India Rules.—A. P.

Drama In Aid Of Chinese Soldiers' Comfort Fund

For the first time, Chinese women will take part in a drama in Bombay entitled, "A Rose In The Wilderness", a Peking Melodrama, which will be held at Wellington Theatre, Dhobi Talao, on 27th and 28th instant at 9 p.m. English dialogues of the drama will be supplied. Proceeds of the show will go to Chinese Soldiers' Comfort Fund. The drama is sponsored by Mr. C. T. Tsiang, Consul for China in Bombay, and directed by Mrs. K. N. Chiang, a well-known Chinese dramatist.

R. A. M. C. Officers In India

LONDON, April 25: The War Secretary, Sir James Grigg, told the Commons to-day that inquiries had been made about a report that an order had been issued to R.A.M.C. officers in India stating that while other ranks would be brought home at the end of five years' service overseas, officers may have to remain abroad a further year.

Sir James Grigg added that a reply had not yet been received—Reuter.

BOATS CARRYING RICE CAPSIZE

MUNSHIGANJ, April 25.

As a result of a storm three country boats laden with 1,000 maunds of rice capsized in the river Dhaleswari at Kamal Ghat on the evening of April 18. It is reported that boats carrying rice similarly sank at Dighirpar.

Salvage work has been undertaken.—United Press.

FOOD SITUATION IN BOMBAY PROVINCE

Srivastava Pleads Helplessness In Making Good Provincial Deficit By Imports

A resolution stressing the gravity of the food position in the Province of Bombay and the urgent need to make good the provincial deficit by imports, was passed at the first meeting of the Peoples' Provincial Food Council, which met at the Corporation hall, Bombay, on Tuesday with Mr. M. R. Masani in the chair.

Two notes prepared by the provisional Executive of the Council on proposed legislation for "regulating the cultivation of crops with a view to growing more food crops" were discussed at the meeting.

The meeting elected an executive council of 22 persons. Mr. M. R. Masani is the Chairman; Mr. V. L. Mehta, General Secretary; Mr. Dinker Desai and Mr. R. H. Gole are joint secretaries. Other members of the Executive Committee are: Sir Homi Mody, Sir Manilal Nanavaty, Mr. Fazl Ibrahim Rahimtoola, Mr. L. M. Shrikant (Panchmahals), Mr. I. I. Chundrigar, Mr. H. R. Moharay (Dharwar), Prof. D. R. Gadgil (Poona), Prof. J. J. Anjaria, Mr. S. R. Bhagwat (Poona), Mr. M. M. Bhaiji (Kolaba), Mr. Indulal K. Yagnik (Kaira), Mr. G. V. Mavlankar (Ahmedabad), Mr. M. P. Patil (Belgaum), Mr. S. T. More (Dhulia), Mr. H. L. Dantwala (Surat), Mr. B. R. Rane (Ratnagiri), Mr. R. B. Wadekar (Jalgaon) and Mr. Mahomed Suleman Mitha.

Among those who attended the meeting and took part in the discussions were Dr. N. S. Hardikar, Mr. Hanumantrao Moharay, Prof. J. J. Anjaria, Dr. D. R. Gadgil, Mr. Indulal Yagnik, Mr. Nagindas T. Master, Mr. Fazl Ibrahim Rahimtoola, Mr. Dinker Desai and Dr. H. V. Tilak.

GRAVE SITUATION

Mr. Masani in the course of his opening remarks reported on the work that had been done by the Provisional Committee during the five weeks that had elapsed since the Council was established. He stressed the need to establish local branches and collect funds.

Dealing with the subject of import of food grains into the province Mr. Masani stated that he had met Sir J. P. Srivastava, Member in charge of food, Government of India, during the latter's visit to Bombay and had impressed on him the grave situation arising out of the failure of the Central Government to fulfil its obligations in the way of imports into the province. He had also stressed the need to replace the foodstuffs destroyed as a result of the explosions and fire in Bombay.

Sir J. P. Srivastava was reassuring on the question of replacing the destroyed grain but on the general question of imports he had pleaded that, while they were urging on the British Government the need for import of foodstuffs into the country, the British Government had pleaded their inability to do better on account of the shipping position. Mr. Masani said he had conveyed the Food Member the public feeling on the question and had urged that the recommendations of the Gregory Committee should be implemented

PROCUREMENT POLICY

Dealing with the procurement policy of the Bombay Government, Mr. Masani stressed two points. Firstly he urged that revenue officials, with their magisterial powers and their previous unsatisfactory record were not the right agency for procurement operations. Secondly he scouted the idea of the Government selling at a price five per cent higher than what they pay to the cultivator. They should sell at cost.

Mr. Fazl Ibrahim Rahimtoola moved a long resolution on the question of import of food grains into the province. The resolution pointed out that there was the possibility of a situation arising when the province would have to shift for itself, that the provincial deficit between six to eight lakns of tons, that the Government of India had failed to make good this deficit, that the burden of feeding the populations engaged in war work in the cities was clearly a central responsibility that the present shortage of food in the province and the country was the result of the impact of war, and that as such the responsibility for feeding the Indian people must fall on the British Allied Governments who should provide shipping space for imports. The resolution also pointed out that if adequate imports had been arranged for the problems of procurement and distribution which were causing so much trouble would have been more manageable and reiterated the demand for imports.

COMPULSION IN CULTIVATION

The two notes prepared by the Provisional Committee deal with the legislation contemplated by the Government of Bombay for regulating the cultivation of crops. According to the committee the main principle of the llegislation is that of enforcing compulsion in any area where the administration considers it necessary to compel agriculturists to raise food crops in place of non-food crops. The notes, while suggesting that the whole scheme was wrong in principle also made detailed criticisms of the scheme with a view to improve the conditions if the Government insisted on enforcing the scheme. It made out a case to pay a fair price to the cultivator as an inducement to switch over from money crops to food crops. If that policy resulted in high prices for the consumer, it was suggested that Government should offer subsidies to the cultivator.

Mr. Indulal Yagnik raising a fundamental issue said that the whole principle of compulsion was wrong, that under given conditions it should be quite unnecessary to enforce compulsion. As the scheme had already been applied to three districts, it was agreed at the meeting that attempts should be made to get amendments with a view to giving relief. The supplementary note suggested that the whole scheme should be reviewed in the light of the results of the current operations. It was agreed that the new Executive Council should at once take up the question and if necessary appoint a sub-committee to study the question.

Another note presented by the provisional committee dealing with storage arrangements was also referred to the Executive to be reconsidered in the light of the various comments made at the meeting.

SIR RICHARD ACLAND AND COMMONWEALTH

(From Our London Correspondent.)

LONDON, March 24.

Sir Richard Acland, Liberal M. P. for Barnstaple Division, Devon and Leader of the new Commonwealth Party which is so upsetting Conservative and Labour alike is deeply interested in what is happening in India.

When I met him yesterday at the House of Commons he talked to me frankly about the attitude of his Party to the Indian problem. He gave me a copy of the election address of Lt. Hugh Lawson, Common Wealth candidate who defeated a Government nominee in the Skipton by-election in January. Drawing my attention to the space devoted in the address to India Sir Richard said "you will at least see that we don't say one thing to you and another to the British people. The place and the space devoted to Indian problem will of course seem to any Indian quite fantastically small; but you will appreciate that the main job we have to do is to beat the Tory. We have to do this for our own sake. But in the daily grind of the daily struggle against them it is sometimes a source of strength and encouragement to feel that the success towards which we are working may have some beneficial consequences for you, and for your brothers and ours in such places as Burma, Malaya and Africa."

EXPLOITATION MUST GO

In his election address Lt. Lawson writes: "We fight for democracy and freedom. We should give that which we are fighting for to the Indian people. Only when we have removed from power the men who have opposed even the most modest demands of the Indian people will it be possible for Indians to believe in our good faith. The social and economic problems of India can never be solved by a Government which is not Indian. Self-Government has proved its worth in the self-governing Dominions, which are often ahead of us in social legislation. Britain must work resolutely for the self-government of Colonial peoples not yet able to stand by themselves. By Common Ownership we must ensure that exploitation of Colonial peoples is impossible."

PARTY'S AIM

There is no denying that Commonwealth Party is at the present moment the most popular British political party. However, what manner of a party is it? Let us examine its personnel. The President is Sir Richard Acland who not long ago gave up his family estate to the nation. He has also contributed sufficient funds—it is estimated about £450 weekly—to carry on the work of the Party. This is indeed in contradistinction with many who have given up their estates to avoid death duties.

Mr. Tom Wintringham still maintains that he is a communist. But he claims for Commonwealth Party the following: It has put forward three principles namely, democracy, common ownership and public morality.

Sir Richard told me what he would do with the property of the Duke of Westminster who is so much richer than Sir Richard. He is probably the richest man in the United Kingdom.

"I would take it away from him", simply said Richard, "I would give him thousand pounds per year and perhaps a small additional sum lest he suffer hardship. I would return his property to the nation whence it came. I would give his children nothing. They would have to look out for themselves like other men's children. The Labour Party on the other hand would pay the Duke £11 million but they do not believe as I do that the man who owns property is not essential to the community."

Sir Richard belongs to no clubs, nor does he any longer lead the life of a country gentleman to which tradition and means entitles him. He has already given one big estate to the National Trust and will give another away when he finds time to wind up its affairs. "It is farcical for the leader of Commonwealth not to return such wealth which is now contained in the estates to the nation, which always really owned it anyway,' he explained.

Before I left Sir Richard, he said to me he would be grateful to me if I, through the courtesy of your columns, helped him. Sir Richard has a brother in India, his name and the best address to find him from, is Lt. C. H. D. Acland care of Grindlay's Bank, Bombay. But, of course, at any moment he may be anywhere. Lt. Acland is a young man and fundamentally has the right ideas. But, as Sir Richard added, "several events have given him (if I judge his letters aright) a distorted view of the Indian problem."

Here is Sir Richard Acland's final request made to you on behalf of his brother. I put it in his own words: "Would it be too much to ask that one of your people who has had some experience of explaining your case to reasonably honest Englishmen could find out where he is and try to make an appointment to meet him sometime when he is off duty. I am of course informing him that he may expect a letter from one of your people. I'd be really grateful if you could arrange this as some of his letters cause me acute distress."

D. G. V.

JAP AIMS

(From D. F. KARAKA, 'Chronicle' War Correspondent)

Enemy activity on the Imphal sector during the last week indicates quite clearly that the Jap does not intend to make a direct attack on Imphal proper. It is apparent that the Jap knows how strongly Imphal is defended and it would be suicide for the Jap forces to attempt the taking of Imphal. He has naturally continued to exercise some pressure on some points abounding the Imphal plain, but as yet there is no evidence of him on the plain itself. Anyone familiar with the particular terrain of Imphal knows that it is not enough that Jap forces have appeared in the adjacent mountains. It is the plain which is the vital and the only ground on which the battle for Imphal can be fought. So that until there is evidence of the Jap on this plain, the Jap must be regarded as having shirked the battle.

JAPANESE OBJECTIVE

At present the Jap appears content with having isolated Imphal, having cut the main line of land communication, which is the Imphal-Kohima Road. If Imphal itself was the Jap objective he would by now have made a more serious effort to close in on it. Instead the Jap preferred to move towards Kohima and tried to besiege the garrison there. That seige has now been lifted and the Kohima-Dimapur Road is now reported clear. But why was the Jap so far north before he had so much as touched the fringe of Imphal? As I have been saying for sometime his objective appears to be northwards of Imphal and it now appears that he is being thwarted in his attempt. The recent Kohima action indicates that the Jap was more than anxious to establish himself north of Imphal and that the Allied forces were equally determined that the enemy should not be allowed to get anywhere near the railhead of Dimapur. This is also indicated by the fact that the Allied forces have cleared the Dimapur-Kohima Road almost as soon as it was cut, while the roadblock on the lower part of the same road viz., between Kohima and Imphal still remains.

BISHENPUR BATTLE

The fighting around Bishenpur, which is reported as having been hard fighting, is also revealing. There is nothing more than a jeep-tract in the shape of a line of communication between Imphal and Silchar which is on the other side of the range. It is here that Bishenpur lies. The peculiar thing is that the Jap forces which reached the Bishenpur area and consequently were west of Imphal did not try to move into Imphal, but tended rather to ignore and by-pass Imphal. What was the reason of this force being there at all? It has already been said that Imphal itself is a sort of dead-end for a westward drive for the Jap. Then why should he have forces west of Imphal unless he has some other motive in being there?

JAP STRATEGY

I feel that all that the Jap wants to do is to isolate Imphal for the moment and try and consolidate himself on various points around it —chiefly points northward. He feels that if he can do this and dig himself in, he will be difficult to shift during the monsoon. And the Allied forces in Imphal will have to be supplied by air during the months of the monsoon, which the Jap regards would be of advantage to him. Although this would constitute no direct threat to Imphal, it is reasonable to say that it would constitute a certain nuisance value. The whole point is that having stuck his neck out so far from the Chindwin, the Jap is desperately trying to find somewhere to consolidate himself. With this in view he tried Kohima and he appears to have failed according to the latest communiques. In the few weeks that remain between now and the break of the monsoon, he will have to make another attempt on the same point or direct his forces elsewhere.

"KOVALAN" SCORES AT WELLINGTON

"Kovalan" is a balletised version of the well-known Tamil classic—"Seelapadikaram." It was presented third time on Saturday at the Pramji Cowasji Institute and proved to be a delightful dance-drama in the Kathakali, Bharat Natyam and Manipuri techniques. The unity of the Ensemble and the integrity of the traditional dance-techniques were the leading notes of the performance.

The cast consisted of ten artistes. Mrinalini Sarabhai, who appeared in the role of Madhavi, revealed herself as an artiste with refinement and grace of movements, actions and expressions. The first meeting of Madhavi and Kovalan was a fine dramatic situation. Mrinalini was at her best in the duet with Chathuni Nair and again in the dance of dedication. Nandita Kripalani has ease and freedom of movements and gestures. Her role of Kannaki—the wife of Kovalan—which ended with the reunion involved interpretation of various bhavas, and Nandita did sufficient justice to it. Medhayodh as Meenakshi made the most of the rather limited scope offered to her and rendered a creditable account of her grounding in Manipuri and also Bharat Natyam. Mention should be made of Anjani Mehta, Ira Vakil and Madhuri Merchant who contributed group-dances.

Chathuni Nair, Sankaran Pannikar, Achuthan Nair and Keshavan Nair, represented the Kathakali school and exploited its interpretational possibilities to its maximum capacity. Prolongation of a few individual dances in the second act should have been avoided as they appeared to cause undue delay in the succession of the dramatic sequences.

D. G. V.

TÊTE-À-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

Mr. Shinwell's admirable speech should do much to clear away any lingering impression that there is something fairly disgraceful in the word "Empire." Those who believe in everything but their own country and sneer at the Empire are 45 years out of date. They are still living, in brief, in an era of jingoism. . . . To strengthen the bonds of the Empire in every way would be not only good British policy but good international policy."

—Daily Mail (London).

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Thanks to the Printer's Devil, Mr. Emmanuel Shinwell was described in our own paper as "the stormy petrel" of the Labour Party.

He sure blew up! And his speech did stink!

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"Shinwell speaks like a full-blooded Tory", says Mr. P. N. Sapru.

In fact, he speaks like a full-blooded Labourite! Shades of Ramsay Macdonald!

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According to the notice of a meeting convened by the National War Front," all, and specially students, are cordially invited."

Catching them young, eh? What a hope!

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I.L.O. Wants Russia To Rejoin Organisation

—Headline.

'Come into my garden, Maud'?

Or is it 'Come into my parlour', said the spider to the fly?

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TO-DAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS. (Perpetrated By The Junior Colleague

(1) *Britain has banned all overseas travel—even of its paid propaganaists!—in the interests of security.*

(2) *A violent storm swept over Dacca City—no, not Sir Nazimuddin's.*

(3) *The 'Daily Worker' and the 'Daily Herald' have lost their security because of certain comments made by them against Mr. Amery—but, sorry, we forgot that they are not printed in India!*

(4) *Now that some British Labourites have made up their minds, India will be, really free—Mr. Shinwell willing!*

INDIA IN COMMONS NEXT WEEK

Labour Party Decisions Will Influence Post-War Relationships

(From A Special Correspondent)

LONDON, April 25: Being budget day this week India will not come up for discussion before Parliament, but presumably next week some lively debate may be seen once again, when India will be discussed.

Discussing the report which the National Executive Committee of the Labour Party issued yesterday, the "Daily Herald" says:

"The British Labour Party's decisions at this Conference will decisively affect the pattern and stability of post-war international relationships. . . . The task of the Conference will be to ensure that the voice of the Labour is particularly strong and clear on the issue of international co-operation. . . . There must be nothing vague about the Labour Party's policies. Enough has been said in some Tory speeches, enough disclosed in some Tory newspapers to show that there are forces which mean to act as a brake on the trend towards full international partnership. And so the issue of international collaboration will transcend all others when the Labour Party Conference meets this year; and the pronouncements of the delegates in document will be of historic import."

MADRAS P.-M. G. KILLED IN MOTOR MISHAP

MADRAS, April 25: Khan Bahadur F. Rahman, Post-Master General, Madras, was killed in a motor accident this evening.

The accident took place on Mount Road just in front of the Post-Master General's office.

Khan Bahadur Rahman and Mr. Vasnaick got out of the car and standing near the footpath were inspecting some plan, when a lorry after colliding with a tram car swerved back and knocked them down. K. B. Rahman and Mr. Vasnaick were immediately removed to the General Hospital in an unconscious state. But K. B. Rahman never regained consciousness and succumbed to the injuries. Mr. Vasnaick sustained serious injuries to his head and legs. He regained consciousness at the hospital. His condition is serious but not dangerous.

The lorry-driver and the driver of the tram car also sustained serious injuries and were removed to hospital. Two passengers in the tram car sustained minor injuries.

VICEROY LEAVES FOR DELHI

BOMBAY, April 25

His Excellency the Viceroy and Viscountess Wavell accompanied by H. E. the Governor of Bombay and Lady Colville visited the Indian Sailors' Home to-day. Their Excellencies were received by Sir B. Rama Rau, Chairman of the Port Trust who presented the members of the Managing Committee of the Sailors Home.

The premises of the Indian Sailors Home is the one building in the vicinity of the fire and explosions that had escaped destruction although most of its glass panes had been blown off.

Before returning to Government house, Their Excellencies again visited the docks where they were received by the area commander.

His Excellency the Viceroy, Viscountess Wavell and Sir E. M. Jenkins, Private Secretary to the Viceroy, left for Delhi to-day.—A. P.

MADRAS SYMPATHY FOR BOMBAY

MADRAS, April 25.

A resolution expressing deep sense of regret at the disastrous and unprecedented havoc caused by explosions and fires in the city of Bombay was passed at a meeting of the Madras Corporation this evening.

The meeting also resolved to contribute a sum of Rs. 5,000 to the Bombay Mayor's Fund for the relief of the sufferers.

The Council later adopted a resolution of condolence touching the death of Dr. C. Vijayaraghavachariar and adjourned for the day as a mark of respect to his memory.—A. P.

City Food Famine Fears Allayed

Loss Of Grain In Fire Not As High As Anticipated: Merchants Memorial To Viceroy: Relief Fund Soars High

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Latest estimates regarding the food situation in Bombay show that the loss of foodgrains, following fires and explosions on April 14 is likely to be less and and will not exceed 40,000 tons.

The loss of foodgrains was originally estimated at 55,000 tons.

Salvage work in godowns has belied fears about shortage of sugar supply in the city. Nearly four weeks' supply seems to have been recovered. Thousands of bags of sugar have already been saved and carted away to places of safety. Even to-day—the 12th day of fires and explosions—bags could be seen being removed. Apart from the present arrangements of ensuring supplies by weekly imports, there seems to be another plan to pile up supplies of at least three weeks by extra replacements.

Government shops were busy unloading sugar and foodstuffs to be distributed to the various relief centres in the city. It is estimated that till Monday 44 bags of sugar and about 1,322 bags of foodgrains had been supplied to the Municipality and other organisations. It is estimated that the food grains distributed so far would make up 3 lakhs of meals.

In the meanwhile, a proposal to set up a central organisation for administering relief on which the non-official centres would be represented, has been put forward. The Citizens' Emergency Relief Committee has announced that the Mayor of Bombay as President of the Committee will meet in the Corporation Hall, the representatives of all the non-official relief centres working in the city on Thursday at 6 p.m., with the object of the considering of this proposal.

CLEARING DEBRIS

Military "bull-douzers" were clearing the debris on the streets in some of the residential areas, to-day.

This work commenced from Narsi Natha Street and Kazi Syed Street, west of the Railway lines.

The inspection of all buildings in the cordon area, west of the lines, has now been completed.

The clearing of debris by the military bull-douzers in some areas is the next item in the programme. The debris, however, will not be removed from the area but will only be pushed to the side of the roads.

Demolition of dangerous walls and buildings in the residential area west of the railway line will commence from Friday.

Evacuation of property continued on Tuesday. Even in the torrid heat of the noon, people could be seen removing the salvaged property. The muffled sound of a dynamite, bursting without a warning, passed away unnoticed and people carried on their work calmly and without excitement.

The City Engineer, in the meantime, has requested that between 10 a.m. and noon the landlords and tenants of buildings on the specified streets should be present near their respective buildings, to-morrow, when they will be given advice regarding their respective properties, removal of debris etc. The streets are: Janjikar Street, Bhandari Street, Samuel Street, Syed Mukri Street and D'Souza Street.

The need for a Central Relief organisation is being urged in certain quarters at present. So far it appears that about 15,000 people rendered destitute by fires and explosions, have been given relief in the various centres.

CITIZENS' EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND

Donations received by the Committee of the Citizens' Emergency Relief Fund towards the Fund up to April 24 total Rs. 2,76,246-8-0, according to the list officially issued to-day.

Donors to the Fund include their Excellencies the Viceroy and Lady Wavell who have contributed Rs. 5,000, followed by His Excellency the Governor of Bombay with a sum of Rs. 3,000. Other notable donations are Rs. 40,000 by the Sir Dorabji Tata Trust and Rs. 25,000 each by the Sir Ratan Tata Charities, the N. M. Wadia Charities and the Central Bank of India.

The Cutch Relief Committee has received a communication from the Maharao of Cutch, offering help to destitutes. Those destitutes who leave Bombay for Cutch will be met at Kandla Bunder and the Cutch State has made arrangements for looking after their needs for three months. The Mahrao of Cutch is personally supervising the arrangements.

MEMORIAL TO VICEROY

A memorial signed by the President and other office-bearers of the Grain Merchants' Association and other leading merchants and traders dealing in grains was handed to Lord Wavell, to-day. The memorial stated that the credit and business of the signatories had been ruined and paralysed and unless they were rehabilitated immediately, the entire business activity would suffer.

Mr. S. A. Lal, Joint Secretary, Legal Department and another senior officer of the Finance Department, Government of India, are now in Bombay to make inquiries into the losses sustained by the people. The officers will survey the problem from the legal and financial points of view. They visited the affected areas, to-day.

NEW DELHI, April 25: At the base of the 30-foot red sandstone "Australia Column" beside the roadway between the two blocks of the Imperial Secretariat, a group of about 50 Australians and New Zealanders gathered at dawn to-day to hold a brief open air service to celebrate the "Anzac Day." The Australian High Commissioner, Sir Iven and Lady MacKay, were among those present.—A. P.

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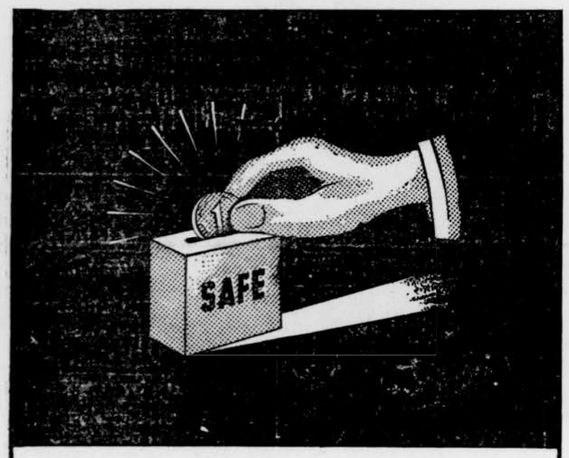

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I. L. O. Session

Nash Pleads For Equal Opportunities For All

NEW DELHI, April 25

Mr. Walter Nash (New Zealand's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister to the United States), President, 26th International Labour Conference, now in session at Philadelphia, spoke in the course of his presidential address of Post-War Social Policy and the role of the I.L.O. in post-war reconstruction, according to a cable received by the I.L.O. Delhi.

He said "We have to find a way to work together for the benefit of all. We can organise a system, if we think it out, so that the I.L.O. can make a better contribution than any other organisation to maximize production. That is what is needed for the purpose of freeing people from want and giving them a full life. "Full maximum production" is the objective.

"Some European peoples think that they are a kind of superior people; but there are no inherently superior people in this world, and never have been. There are people who have had beter chances, better culture, better education, and better health, but, if thees benefits are given to other people, they, in turn, can be just as good. All can give leadership; all can give us the vision to make the world better. To give all people all these benefits is the job, and opportunity, of the I.L.O. This Conference is not for the White people only, it is for all peoples."

Sir Samuel Ranganathan, Indian Government Delegate to the Conference, has been elected Chairman of the Selection Committee of the Conference.—A. P.

CITY MARKETS

Bombay, April 25.

SHARES: The local Share Market opened very steady but later on prices lost some ground on selling pressure. Tata Steel Defds, opened around Rs. 2,025 and after touching Rs. 2,035 reverted to Rs. 2,025. Dyeing after opening at Rs. 1,997 declined to Rs. 1,990. Other Mill Shares were quiet with some tired liquidation. Associated Cement hovered around Rs. 225. Belapur Sugar after improving to Rs 250-8 received a setback to Rs. 248-8 New India Insurance changed hands upto Rs. 78.

Later on good support came forth in Steel Shares which moved upto Rs. 2,042-8 for Defds and Rs. 397-8 for Ordinaries. Dyeing ruled steady at Rs. 1,998.

GOLD & SILVER: The London Bullion Market remained unchanged. Silver for Spot as well as Forward was quoted at 23-1/2d. London Gold was pegged at £8-8-0. The local market after opening steady eased off. The Reserve Bank accepted tenders for sale of 1 lakh tola Gold around Rs. 76. Gold for delivery after opening at Rs. 76-4 eased off to Rs. 75-10 while Silver started around Rs. 140 and touched Rs. 140-4. At this rate profit taking ensued and the rate reacted to Rs. 138-8. The market ruled quiet and closed at the lowest levels for the day. Gold Rs. 75-8 and silver delivery Rs. 138-6.

COTTON: The Cotton Market continued to be depressed and prices touched new low levels to-day. The market lacks confidence and bottom is difficult to find. Trading in May position started at Rs. 421 and owing to nervous long liquidation the rate declined to Rs. 419-8 but again steadied around Rs. 420-8. Renewed liquidation came forth and the market slumped to Rs. 417-8 for May.

Closing quotations:—
I C C May Rs. 417-8. I C C July Rs. 432-8, Sept. Rs. 441.

MONDAY'S HIGH & LOW RATES

I C C May highest 423-1/4, lowest 421, closing 422-1/2, I C C July highest 437-1/2, lowest 435, closing 436, I C C September highest 445-1/2 lowest 443-1/2, closing 444-1/2.

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L S S do.	525	520	515	510
289F. do	575	570	565	560
Saw-Gd. 4 F. ..	510	505	500	495
do L S S	570	565	560	555
M G 4 F. Sid/Ame	...	...	...	
do. 289 F.	620	615	610	605
do. N T ...	520	515	510	505
Saw-Gd. 4F. ...	...	...	...	...
do. 289F. do.	...	...	...	...
do. N T do	500	555	550	545

READY COTTON

	New.
Khandesh Jarilla	245/285
Berar do.	335/345
289 F. do	535/555
N T do.	490/500
289 F. Saw-ginned	610/620

NEW YORK COTTON PARITY

I C C May is below New York Cotton May 487 cent points at Exchange 331.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, April 24.

Cotton advanced on trade and commission house buying encouraged by the firmness of May delivery prior to the first notice day coupled with unfavourable weather and hopes for higher textile ceilings. The advance encountered scale-up hedging and liquidation. The market closed steady.

May highest 21.17 (+12) lowest 21.10 (+06).

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, April 24.

May 21.15, July 20.67, October 19.96 Middling Spot 21.65.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

May 21.30, July 20.83 October 20.00, Middling Spot 20.80.

NEW YORK COTTON, NOON CALL

May 21.13, July 20.66, October 19.93.

LONDON SILVER

Spot 23-1/2, Forward 23-1/2.

LONDON GOLD

London Gold Fine per oz £8-8-0.

TREASURY BILLS TENDERS

Tenders for Rs. Two Crores of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills were opened on Tuesday the 25th April 1944. Total amount offered was Rs. 6,01,00,000/- (Rupees six crores one lakh only). Tenders at Rs. 99-13-3 were accepted in full and those at Rs. 99-13 allotted approximately 73 per cent. Lowers were rejected. Total amount accepted was Rs. Two Crores the average rate of accepted tenders being Re. 0-12-0 per cent per annum.

Tenders for Rs. Four Crores of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills will be received on Tuesday the 2nd May 1944 in Bombay.

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE

Bombay Dyeing (1991½) 1995 97 1/2 90 96½ 95
Century (950) 955 945
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Kohinoor (669) 669 1/2 70 67 70
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Simplex (260) 260 1/2 259 1/2 260
Swadeshi (622) 623 624 623 624
Associated Cement (225) 225 1/4 225 3/4 225 3/4.
T Steel Dfd. (201) 3/4) 2025 32 1/2 27 1/2 35 1/4 22 1/2 45 37 1/2 43 3/4
T Steel Ord. (394) 396 96 1/2 95 1/2 97 95 1/2 98 1/2 97 98 1/2
New India Ins. (76) 76 75 1/2 78 77
Scindia (33-3) 33-5 33-8 33-6

Scenes In Bulgarian Parliament

ANKARA: The sitting of the recent session of the Bulgarian Parliament was interrupted when the visitors in the gallery cried "Long Live Freedom," "Long Live Stalin", says a Sofia dispatch.

The Parliament was debating the reply to the speech made by the throne when suddenly several people in the gallery stood up and shouted "Freedom, Freedom, Long Live Freedom, Long Live Stalin".

The President closed the session immediately and postponed it. The demonstrators continued the slogans in the streets. Many arrests were made.—India Press Service.

PESHAWAR, April 24.—At the annual meeting of the N.W.F. Journalists' Association Khan Paqir Khan, Editor, "Inkishaf" was elected President of the Association for the coming year in place of Shaik Sanaullah, Editor, "Khyber Mail", who after holding the post of President for several years retired. A resolution was passed thanking him for his services to the Association.—O. P.

VIJAYALAKSHMI'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Expected To Be Published In India And Abroad

ALLAHABAD, April 24.

Mrs. Vijaya Laxmi Pandit who returned here yesterday is indisposed and has been advised rest for a few days. Mrs. Pandit intends to stay at Allahabad during the summer.

Mrs. Pandit's autobiography on which she had started in the prison during her detention is almost complete and may be ready within a few weeks. She proposes to have her book published in India also besides the two simultaneous publications in America and London. A publisher's firm in Calcutta has been entrusted with the work.

It is understood that the Indian edition will include fuller details of political conditions in India and lesser details of social and economic life than the publications in America and London.—A. P.

Release Gandhiji And Establish National Government

(From Our Correspondent)

NAGPUR, April 24.

A conference of all local bodies of C.P. and Berar was held yesterday at Nagpur District Council Hall Mr. W. K. Wunkhede presiding. The office-bearers of all important Municipalities and District Councils were present or the conference unanimously demanded release of Gandhiji and other Congress leaders in view of the impending invasion by the Japanese. The conference opined that leaders who are behind prison bars would alone be able to keep up the public morale.

The conference demanded the establishment of true National Government at the Centre which would alone inspire confidence

The conference asked Government to pay to local bodies a sum equivalent to dearness allowance as local bodies finances ill-afford payment of such heavy sums.

Bombay Muslims Protest Against Maharashtra University

A deputation of the Bombay Presidency Muslim Educational Conference comprisiny of members of the Bombay Legislature and well-known Muslim Educationists will wait on H. E. the Governor of Bombay at Government House to-day (Wednesday), to place before Government the Muslim point of view pertaining to the question of establishment of the Maharashtra University in Poona. Members have been elected from different parts of the Province, while Mr. Ahmed E. H. Jaffer has been elected Leader of the deputation.

A resolution of great importance to the Muslims of Bombay Presidency—and the only resolution of its kind—was unanimously passed at the recent session of the All-India Muslim Educational Conference at Aligarh, Sir Azizul Huq presiding. It was moved by Mr. Ahmed E. H. Jaffer (Poona) seconded by Nawabzada Siddique Ali Khan, M. L. A., (Central). It reads as under:—

That this Conference is of opinion that the report of the Maharashtra University Committee which has recently been published contains recommendations and suggestions which are likely to be of incalculable harm to the educational interests of the Muslims of Maharashtra and this Conference, therefore, requests the Government of Bombay that the representations made by the leading Muslim Associations and publicists in this matter should be carefully considered and that the recommendations made by the Committee should not be accepted unless and until proper safeguards are made to the satisfaction of the Muslims.

EAST AFRICAN DELEGATION TO VISIT INDIA

NAIROBI, April 24.

Mr. S. H. Sayer and Mr. K. R. Paroo, commercial Advisers to the East African production and Supply Council, are travelling to India as a delegation representing East African Piecegoods Importers.

Their object is to complete arrangements with Government authorities in India and with textile exporters there for the operation of the Government of India's export control scheme in relations to East African trade.

The arrangements proposed will include the manufacture of certain standard lines of export cloth which East African importers have agreed will cover the bulk of East African requirements.—Reuter.

Russia Abandons Co-education

MOSCOW: Russia has abandoned co-education of boys and girls. Professor Tsuzmer, the noted Soviet Educationist in the course of an explanation says:—

"Some covering up of masculine and feminine traits of social value occurs in co-education".—India Press Service.

Ration Permits For Catering Establishments

(From Public Relations Officer (Rationing)

It has been noticed that applications from catering and other establishments for a duplicate ration permit to replace a lost or defaced one or for a fresh ration permit in place of an existing permit due to change of persons in charge of the establishment are getting more frequent. In view of the labour involved the Government of Bombay has amended the Bombay Rationing Order to prescribe a fee of annas eight for issue of a fresh ration permit in either case. In the event of a change of persons in charge of an authorised establishment it is illegal for the person previously in charge of the establishment in whose name the ration permit for the establishment stands to transfer it to any other person unless such transfer has been granted by the Rationing Officer on payment of the prescribed fee.

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NOTICE

LOST OF BOND WARRANTS

The undernoted bond warrants have been LOST or MISLAID, an application have been made to the Dock Manager, Bombay Port Trust, for the issue of a duplicate bond warrants numbers 918, 19, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 43, 44, 45, 46, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63 and 64 of 22nd and 23rd March, 1943, issued in our favour stored in the bonded warehouse No. 4 under Marks I. C. 1-2-3 AHB large.

Talakshi Jamnadas	(1,600 bags)
Chhotalal Devjee	(300 „)
Mulji Shamjee	(200 „)
Hariram Dhanjee	(300 „)
Kanjee Makandas	(300 „)

(8596)

NOTICE

Under an Order issued by the Government of Bombay on the 20th April, 1944, a licence from the Director of Civil Supplies Bombay, is necessary for the removal of piecegoods and yarn by sea from the Province of Bombay to any place in India outside the Province. No such licence is, however, required for the removal of these articles

(a) not exceeding 10 lb. as part of his personal luggage by a bonafide traveller, or

(b) by steamer to Karachi, Calcutta, Vizagapatam, Cocanada, Masulipatam, Madras, Tuticorin, Trivandrum, Quilon, Cochin, Cannanore, Calicut and Mangalore.

THE VISHWABHARTI INSURANCE CO., LTD., BOMBAY

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the VISHWABHARTI INSURANCE CO. LTD., shall be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Noble Chambers, Parsi Bazar Street, Fort, Bombay, on WEDNESDAY, the 10th May, 1944, at 2 P.M. (N.S.T.) to transact the following business:—

1. To receive and adopt the Directors' Report audited Revenue and Profit and Loss accounts and the Balance Sheet of the Company for the period ended 31st December, 1943.
2. To elect Directors in place of those who retire by rotation but are eligible and offer themselves for re-election.
3. To elect a Director in place of Mr. Gajanan Vishwanath Salvekar, B.A. who was co-opted a Director under Article 108 and who is eligible and offers himself for re-election.
4. To appoint Auditors for the current year 1944 and fix their remuneration.
5. To transact such other business as may be brought before the Meeting by the Chairman.

The Share Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 1st May, 1944 to 15th May, 1944 both days inclusive.

Particularly to:—Mr. K. M. Parikh, Mr. C. M. Shah, Dabhoi, Mr. S. D. Doshi, Rajkot, Mr. B. C. Mankad, Mr. A. R. H. Noormahomed, Mr. O. A. G. Khandwala, Mr. R. J. Gheewala, Mr. H. O. A. Matcheswala, M|s. M. Abdulla & Co., Veraval, Mr. N. H. Shah, Karjan, Mr. K. M. Shah, Daman, Mr. R. Bhojnagarwala, Bhojnagar, Mr. H. D. Kadia, Mr. C. H. Sanghavi, Mr. H. R. Shukla, Mr. J. A. Mankad, Mr. N. A. Mankad, Mr. P. A. Mankad, Mr. K. V. Bhatt, Mr. P. K. Dave, Mr. B. B. Dholkia, Mr. K. D. Dholkia, Mr. A. J. Vora, Mr. H. M. Antani, Mr. C. S. Chhaya, Mr. P. S. Chhaya, Mr. K. C. Antani, Mr. V. K. Varsani, Mr. G. B. Bhatt, Mr. K. A. Mankad and Mr. H. B. Buch, Bhuj, Mr. P. M. Shah, Cutch Mandvi, Mr. P. J. Pathak and Mr. Harakchand Motichand, Chorwad, Mr. & Mrs. U. H. Acharya, Mr. A. V. Vora, and Mr. Chhaganlal Valji, Jamnagar, Mr. Rajabally Abdulhusein, Mr. N. D. Thakkar, Mr. C. G. Thakkar, Mr & Mrs. R. A. Irani, Mr. H. M. Gohil and Mr. A. H. Kamdar and Mahomed Kamdar, Bhavnagar, Mr. R. C. Patel, Mr. A. S. Vyas, and Mr M. Punjiram, Mehsana, Mr. & Mrs. M. V. Jani, Mr. & Mrs. D. B. Kulkarni, Mr. V. B. Jani and Mr. S. N. Dave, Lunavada, Mr. Jainarayan Rugnath, Nanded, Mr. S. N. Nadhani, Bharsar, Raosaheb V. D. Rathi, Beawar, Mr. N. J. Vaishnav, Bhuj, Mr. P. H. Vakhria, Baldia, Mr. U. A. Motiwala, Mr. R. V. Shah, Mr. C. N. Choksi, Mr. S. N. Patel, Mr P. N. Patel, Mr. C. L. Shah, and Mr. P. P. Wadia, Baroda.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. G. DWIVEDY,
Managing Director.
Bombay, 25th April, 1944.
8607

DIAMOND & JEWELLERY

Diamond Emerald Jewellery (Secondhand) purchased at better price. Please see or write Chunilal & Co., 17, Dhunjee Street, near Diamond Merchants' Association, Mumbadevi 10-30 to 12-30 4 to 7 Sunday closed. (4521)

MACHINERY WANTED

Wanted one Oil Engine 200 to 300 B.H.P. by Dembla Flour Mills, Sukkur. (4668)

PUBLIC NOTICES.

BOMBAY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

AN ORDINARY MONTHLY MEETING of the Corporation will be held in the Municipal Office on Thursday, the 4th May, 1944, at 2 P.M. (Bombay Time), for the consideration of the following business:—

1. Election of one member of the Standing Committee, VICE Dr. G. R. A. Sheikh, resigned.
2. Election of one member of the Improvements Committee, VICE Mr. Mohommadali S. Manyar, resigned.
3. Election of one Councillor-member of the Schools Committee to hold office upto 31st March 1945, VICE Mrs. Khadija Shuffi Tyabji, resigned.
4. Election of one Councillor-member of the Schools Committee to hold office upto 31st March, 1946, VICE Mr. A. A. Baigmahomed, resigned.
5. (a) Letter from the Secretary, G.I.P. Railway Local Advisory Committee—Requesting the Corporation to elect a representative on the Advisory Committee; and (b) election of a representative on the Committee.
6. Election of four members of the Works Committee, VICE (a) Mr. Abdul Latif Curtay; Dr. G. R. A. Sheikh; and Mr. M. U. Rajab, resigned; and (b) Mr. N. P. Gurjar who has ceased to be a Councillor.
7. Election of four members of the Medical Relief and Public Health Committee VICE (1) Mrs. Khadija Shuffi Tyabji; (2) Mr. M. M. Killedar; (3) Mr. A. K. Alimahomed; and (4) Dr. G. R. A. Sheikh, resigned.
8. Election of six members of the Markets and Gardens Committee, VICE (1) Mr. Fatehkhan A. Munshi; (2) Mr. Mohommadali S. Manyar; (3) Mr. M. U. Rajab; (4) Mr. A. K. Alimahomed; (5) Mr. Fatehmahomed Haji Ramzan; and (6) Khan Saheb Mahomed E. Serang, resigned.
9. Election of two members of the Law, Revenue and General Purposes Committee, VICE (1) Mr. Mahomedbhai O. E. Patel; and (2) Mr. Fatehmahomed Haji Ramzan, resigned.
10. Election of three members of the Tramways and Telephone Committee, VICE (1) Mr. A. A. Baigmahomed; (2) Mr. Mirza Akhtar Hasan; and (3) Khan Saheb Mahomed E. Sarang, resigned.
11. Interpellations.
12. Letter from the Joint Honorary Secretary, Hindu Deen Daya Sangh—Applying for an increase in the grant-in-aid of the institution for the year 1943-44
13. Letter from Mr. D. J. Athalye and other residents of Lalbag—Regarding the condition of the Municipal schools in the locality, etc.
14. Letter from Mr. Ram Dhyan Tewari—Regarding the alleged impersonation by a teacher under the Schools Committee.
15. Letter from the Honorary Secretary, Koor Institute of Physical Culture—Applying for a grant-in-aid of the institute for the year 1944-45.

16-17. Letters from the authorities of the (16) Tibbia College, Bombay; and (17) Bombay Institution for Deaf and Mutes—Thanking the Corporation for giving grants-in-aid of their respective institutions.

18-19. Letters from the authorities of the (18) Prince of Wales Museum of Western India; and (19) Om Samarth Bharat Vyayam Mandir—Forwarding copies of the Annual Reports, etc., of their respective institutions.

20. Letter from Mr. H. G. Jhaveri—Regarding the condition of the Municipal C. P. Tank School.
21. Letter from the Joint Honorary Secretary, Bombay Mofussil Maternity, Child Welfare and Health Council—Regarding the appointment of a Corporation's representative on the Council.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE—

22. Forwarding a list of letters from the Municipal Chief Auditor pending disposal by the Standing Committee.
23. Regarding the conversion of the post of Chief Clerk at the K. E. M. Hospital into that of an Office Superintendent.
24. Forwarding a quarterly statement of outstanding wheel-tax bills.
25. Regarding the creation of certain additional posts, etc., at the Arthur Road Hospital for Infectious Diseases.
26. Regarding the Municipal Chief Auditor's objection relating to submission of quarterly returns of Revenue and Deposits by different Departments, etc.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEES—

27. Regarding the question of removal of stall-board projections in the City.
28. Regarding the inconvenience caused to the public due to roofless tram trailers and buses. etc.
29. Forwarding a communication from the General Manager, B.E.S. & T. Co., Ltd., regarding the dispute between the Management and workers of the B.E.S. & T. Co., Ltd., about wages, etc.

SCHOOLS COMMITTEE'S LETTERS—

30. Requesting for an additional grant to meet the payment of certain outstanding charges in respect of the leave salary of a peon.
31. Regarding the preparation of a supplemental Deed in connection with the transfer of the immovable property of the Society for Promotion of Education among the Masses occupied by the Dadabhoy Nowroji Poor Boys' Seminary, etc.
32. Forwarding a statement showing the attendance of members at the meetings of the Schools Committee and its Sub-Committees during the year 1943-44.
33. Forwarding a report of the progress of the Free and Compulsory Primary Education in the City for the period from 1st April to 31st October, 1943.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSIONER—

34. Forwarding the Monthly Chemical and Bacteriological Reports on the Bombay Water Supplies.
35. Regarding the change of user of a plot at Naigaum Estate.
36. Forwarding a Government communication regarding the constitution of the Regional Transport Authorities.
37. Reporting that no case of breeding of Malaria carrying mosquitto was found during March, 1944.
38. Forwarding quarterly statement showing the quantity of water brought into the City from various lakes, etc.
39. Letter from Mr. Jamnadas M. Mehta—Applying for leave of absence from the meetings of the Corporation.
40. Letter from Mr. N. P. Gurjar, B.E., I.S.E., Executive Engineer, Presidency Division—Intimating that in his place Khan Saheb N. C. Balsara, B.E., will attend Corporation meetings.
41. Confirmation of the Special Committee's proceedings.
42. Schools Committee's letters—Forwarding printed copies of the Committee's proceedings.
43. Notice of motion from Mr. Keshao Ganesh Tambe—For amending the Municipal Service Regulations so as to avoid loss in emoluments suffered by permanent employees holding higher temporary appointments during the period of their leave.

By Order of His Worship the Mayor
B. V. MODY,
Municipal Secretary.
Municipal Corporation Office.
Bombay, 25th April, 1944.
(8602)

WANTED

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the post of Legal Remembrancer in an important State in North India.

Candidates should possess considerable experience as Judicial Officers. Knowledge of Hindi will be a qualification. Preference will be given to Retired Officers or those nearing retirement from the post of District Judge or a similar post in British India. Salary according to qualifications.

Applications with copies of testimonials stating experience, nationality or caste, age and minimum salary required should be sent immediately to Box No. 8575, c|o. "Bombay Chronicle."

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8606

NOTICE

THE COMILLA BANKING CORPORATION, LTD.
MANDVI BRANCH.

We beg to inform the constituents and patrons of our Mandvi Branch that we have shifted to our Bhatbazar Office premises and are transacting business from there as from Tuesday the 25th April, 1944.

B. K. CHOUDHURY,
Officer-in-Charge.
8605

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AJMER SINGH, Major,
Acting Managing Director,
The Patiala State Bank, Patiala.
(Proprietors).
8486

THE RAJAGIRI RUBBER & PRODUCE CO., LTD.

(Incorporated in Travancore)

FIRST INTERIM DIVIDEND: 1943-'44.

The Board of Directors of the Company have declared a FIRST INTERIM DIVIDEND of 6¼% for the year 1943-'44 payable to the members in the books of the Company as on 15th May, 1944.

The Share Transfer Books will remain closed from 12th to 15th May, 1944 (both days inclusive).

Alleppey, 22nd April, 1944.
A. V. THOMAS & CO., LTD.,
Managing Agents.
8601

PUBLIC NOTICES

ORDER

Finance Department (Supply), Bombay Castle, 22nd April 1944.

DEFENCE OF INDIA RULES.

No. 98|-II.—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-rule (2) of rule 81 of the Defence of India Rules, the Government of Bombay is pleased to direct that—

(a) no person shall get paddy milled into rice at any power-driven mill in the Bombay Suburban District, except under a permit granted in that behalf by the Rationing Officer of the area within which the mill is situated.
(b) no person who is the holder of a licence issued under the Bombay Rice Mills Licensing Order, 1943, in respect of a mill in the Bombay Suburban District shall mill into rice at such mill paddy owned by a person who has not obtained a permit as required by clause (a) of this Order.

By order of the Governor of Bombay,
A. D. GORWALA,
Secretary to Government.
(8592)

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY

NOTICE

SEVERAL BUILDINGS in the area described below were temporarily evacuated after the explosion and fires that occurred on Friday, the 14th April, 1944. Many of them have been allowed to be occupied after inspection by the Municipal Engineers to avoid inconvenience and hardships to tenants. It is however desirable that all these buildings are thoroughly examined by the owners through their licensed Surveyors without any delay as monsoon is fast approaching.

All the house owners in this area are therefore requested to do the needful and submit copies of their Surveyor's report to the City Engineer, Bombay Municipality to enable measures of safety being taken in time if the same are found necessary.

Area to the West of the G.I.P. Railway line bounded by:—
Carnac Road,
Sheriff Dewji Street,
Jackeria Masjid Street,
1st Chinch Bunder Road,
Chinch Bunder Road,
Sandhurst Road,
G. I. P. Railway Lines.
(Sd.) N. V. MODAK,
City Engineer.
Municipal Offices, Bombay.
8600

RAILWAY CLEARING ACCOUNTS OFFICE, DELHI.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY applications for temporary posts of Clerks in grade Rs. 30-5-50-5|2-80. Minimum pay to Matrics Rs. 40|-F.A. Rs. 45|- and B.A. Rs. 50|- In addition, all appointments carry the usual dearness allowance of Rs. 14|- and supply of certain commodities at concession rates.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATION.—Matric II Division.

AGE LIMIT.—Between 18 and 27 (30 years for scheduled caste candidates).

All appointments subject to producing Medical Certificates of fitness from the Railway Divisional Medical Officer.

25% of posts are reserved for Muslims, 8-1|3% for other minorities, and 8-1|3% for Scheduled caste candidates.

Applications written in candidates' own hand must include the following particulars:

1. Community or Caste (full particulars of caste for Scheduled castes).
2. Age as per University certificate.
3. Examination passed together with division in which passed.
4. Family connections stating if father is a Railway servant or if parents have rendered special service to the State.
5. Proficiency in games and sports.
6. Previous employment if any.
7. Candidates who claim to be Sikhs must declare that they are bonafide Sikhs and that they have not embraced Sikhism within a year and if they claim to be Sehjdharies that they have not previously been Keshdharies.

P. D. PANDE,
Director.
(8593)

THE J. N. TATA ENDOWMENT FOR THE HIGHER EDUCATION OF INDIANS, BOMBAY.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for Foreign Studentships for advanced study, in particular, of the following Scientific and Technical subjects, viz., Physics, Chemistry, Engineering in all its branches, viz., Aeronautical, Chemical, Mechanical, Metallurgy and Mining, Radio and Communications Marine, etc. The Foreign studentships are in the nature of loan scholarships.

Applications should be sent in on a special form which will be supplied on request, and must be accompanied by COPIES ONLY of certificates as to character and physical fitness (including eyesight) and a photograph of passport size. Such applications will be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of the Scheme sanctioned by the High Court of Bombay. Only applications of students, who have graduated with conspicuous distinction will be considered, and will be received not later than the 30th May, 1944, by the Secretary, The J. N. Tata Endowment for the Higher Education of Indians, Bombay House, 24, Bruce Street, Fort, Bombay. 8594

PUBLIC NOTICES.

WANTED

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the undermentioned posts for cattle preservation Scheme (Subsidised by the Govt. of Bombay).

(1) Managers for centres at Kanjari, Nar and Mehsana on Rs. 100 p.m. consolidated pay. Qualifications B.Ag. or experienced Vet. Asst. Surgeons or I.D.Ds. (Bangalore).
(2) Veterinary Asst. Surgeons on Rs. 50-4-90-5-125 p.m. at Kanjari, Nar, and Mehsana.
(3) Stockmen on Rs. 35 p.m. for mofussil centres. Qualifications Dairy Diploma from the Institute of Agriculture, Ananda or experience of dairy farm.

Appointments of Managers and Vet. Asst. are subject to the approval of the Director of Agriculture. Applications should be addressed to J. N. Mankar, Working Secretary, C. P. Scheme, B. H. League, 149-Shroff Bazar, Bombay 2.
(8595)

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